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SMALL SAVINGS RATES SLASHED. A CASE OF BAD TIMING?

The Centre on Wednesday revised interest rates of various small savings schemes for the first quarter of FY22 (April 1 to June 30, 2021)

The announcement comes at a time when five states are going to polls

This might not sit well with voters who have invested in small saving schemes

50-100 bps down

Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis. The new rates are lower by 50-100 basis points and this is for the first time since 1974 that Public Provident Fund interest rate will be below 7 per cent

WHAT YOUR PPF ACCOUNT WILL NOW FETCH

Instrument	Rate of interest 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021	Rate of interest 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021	Compounding frequency
Savings deposit	4.0	3.5	Annual
1-year time deposit	5.5	4.4	Quarterly
2-year time deposit	5.5	5.0	Quarterly
3-year time deposit	5.5	5.1	Quarterly
5-year time deposit	6.7	5.8	Quarterly
5-year RD	5.8	5.3	Quarterly
Senior citizen saving schemes	7.4	6.5	Quarterly
Monthly income account	6.6	5.7	Monthly
National Savings Certificate	6.8	5.9	Annual
Pubic Provident Fund scheme	7.1	6.4	Annual
Kisan Vikas Patra	6.9 (maturing in 124 months)	6.2 (maturing in 138 months)	Annual
Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme	7.6	6.9	Annual

The last time the Central government had cut the interest rates of small savings schemes in a big way was in the April-June quarter of 2020-21, when rates were slashed by 70-140 basis points

₹3.9 lakh cr

FROM THE SMALL SAVINGS CORPUS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE 26% OF THE FISCAL DEFICIT IN FY22

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Mixed response to Mamata's mid-poll pitch on Oppn unity

Cong chief Sonia Gandhi remains silent, RJD, NCP concur with Didi; writes to Jagan, too, but not KCR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata/New Delhi/Patna/Mumbai

ACCUSING the BJP of trying to establish a one-party ''authoritarian rule'' in the country, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday wrote to top Opposition leaders urging them to unite to defend democracy.

Her letter came ahead of the second phase of Assembly elections in West Bengal and it is being seen as an initiative to drum up Opposition support against the BJP, which is the main rival of the ruling Trinamool Congress in the ongoing polls.

Her call drew mixed reactions within the Opposition with the Congress choosing to remain silent, though regional parties like the RJD, NCP, AAP and SP extended full support.

"I strongly believe that that the time has come for a united and effective struggle against the BJP's attack on democracy and the Constitution. We can win this battle only with the unity of hearts and mind and by presenting a credible alternative to the people of India,'' she wrote.

In the three-page letter, Mamata appealed to non-BJP leaders, including Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, ailing NCP founder Sharad Pawar, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, DMK chief M K Stalin, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik RJD chief Tejashwi Yadav, Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, PDP head Mehbooba Mufti, CPI(ML) chief Dipankar Bhattacharya and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav.

She, however, did not write to Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, who had fancied his chances in the past at leading a third front.

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Mamata Banerjee, CM

We support Mamata. Sharad Pawar may campaign in the last phase of the elections in Bengal after he recuperates

Nawab Malik, NCP

What she has written now was long ago said by RJD chief Lalu Prasad to save the country from being ruined by the BJP

Mritunjay Tiwary, RJD

NANDIGRAM TALKING POINT ACROSS BENGAL

MAMATA Banerjee lit up Nandigram with a slogan that perhaps encapsulates where West Bengal is right now, in terms of the gap between its reality and its desire. "Cool cool Trinamool, *thanda thanda* cool, vote *paabe jora phool*," she thundered, with an elan that TV advertising professionals would envy. *Jora phool* is the grass flower associated with the West Bengal Chief Minister's party, the Trinamool. Will it get the votes? Therein hangs a tale.

Now, West Bengal may well be renamed Nandigram. You must of course overlook a few distractions — like Amit Shah claiming a clean sweep, in arid Purulia. Or Mamata Banerjee actually demanding that the PM's visa and passport be cancelled for having visited Orakandi in Bangladesh. Those distractions are quite a handful for an Assembly election, you think? Yes. But then, this is West Bengal.

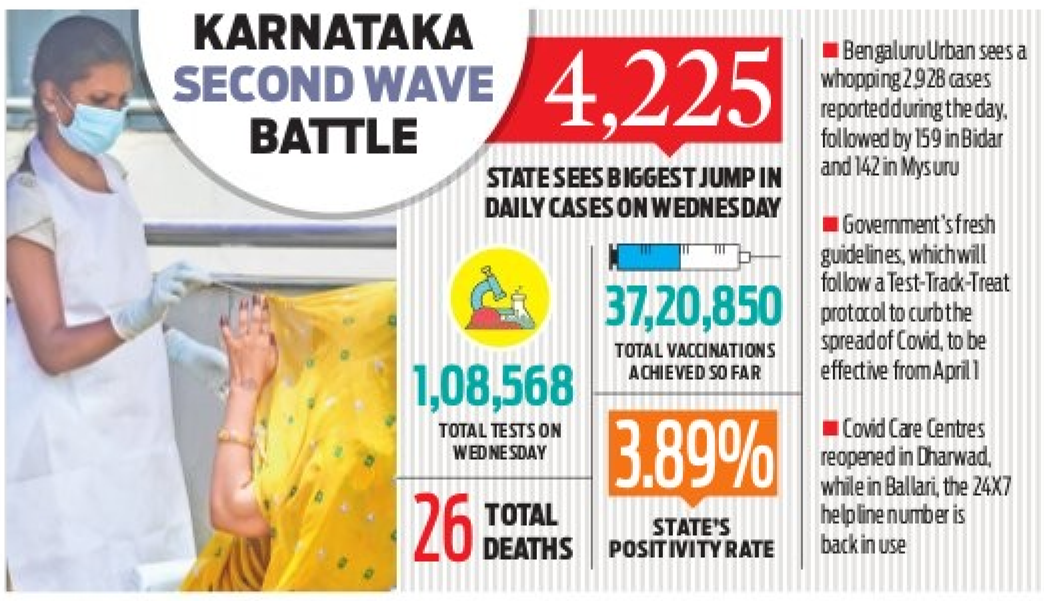
Ear to the Ground — WEST BENGAL

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA @Bolpur/Suiri/Rampurhat, Birbhum

A little detour: Orakandi is revered by the Matua community, quite a vital component of the voters in three Bengal districts. Nobody here, among the intelligentsia, quite likes the fact that the name of caste has been taken. Bengal's politics has always avoided it. And that's the BJP's opening. Bengal still speaks a universal language. It still responds to resonating phrases like '*Amar Naam, Tomar Naam*, Nandigram, Nandigram...'

That's not just a slogan, by the way. Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Birbhum, 24 Parganas—districts which vote in the third and fourth phases or later—seem somewhat indifferent about what happens to their own constituencies. But they're not indifferent about Nandigram. Anywhere and everywhere, it's difficult to get people focused on any other issue. The small talk all around—the small tea shops, the small man walking back after his day's work in those rich rice fields—invariably focuses on that one thing.

It's the Big Fight. The questions are: Is Didi panicking? Will Suvendu Adhikari pull it off? Will Nandigram again be the turning point of Bengal's political history? It's quite the local thriller. If you so much as mildly declare that you have been to the epicentre and have come out in one piece, you may very well get a discount at a sweet shop, or at Sonajuri haat, Santiniketan. CONTINUED ON: P9



B'luru civic body chief changed on day city sees nearly 3K cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ON a day the state registered the biggest spike in daily infections so far this year, the government moved out Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner **N Manjunatha Prasad** and posted him as Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. In his place, Gaurav Gupta, who has been the Palike administrator for the last six months, was posted as the 68th Commissioner.

On Wednesday, Karnataka reported 4,225 new cases of Covid-19 and 26 more fatalities, taking the total number of infections to 9,97,004 and the death toll to 12,567, according to the Health department data. Of the fresh infections reported on Wednesday, 2,928 were from Bengaluru Urban district alone.

Of the 26 deaths, 18 are from Bengaluru Urban, two each from Kalaburagi and Tumakuru, and one each from Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Kolar and Chikkamagaluru.

Soon after the transfer orders were issued, speculations were rife on the reasons for the change of guard. While some felt it was because of the rising cases and that the Commissioner was unable to bring them down, others said it was because the Commissioner had publically requested the government to impose restrictions, leaving the ministers in a tight spot. CONTINUED ON: P2

Deve Gowda tests negative for Covid, wife is +ve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER PM and JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda was hospitalised on Wednesday after developing Covid-19-like symptoms. The 87-year-old took to his social media pages to announce that he and his wife Chennamma had tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday morning.

By evening, however, the private hospital, where the couple is under treatment, said the former PM's Covid test was negative. His wife Chennamma, however, tested positive. The couple is said to have symptoms including fever and cough, and are being monitored closely. In his tweet, Deve Gowda appealed to party workers not to panic.

Wishes for Deve Gowda's recovery poured in from all quarters with politicians, cutting across party lines and geographical boundaries, wishing him a speedy recovery. P4

CONTRACTION

Core infra slips 4.6% in Feb, the most in 6 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDICATING that economic recovery would be slower than anticipated, output of the eight infrastructure sectors contracted by a sharp 4.6% in February – the steepest decline in the past six months – the latest government data showed.

According to Commerce Ministry data released on Wednesday, the eight key core sectors – coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity – witnessed a decline of 4.4%, 3.2%, 1%, 10.9%, 3.7%, 1.8%, 5.5%, and 0.2%, respectively, in February.

Core sector data is crucial as its combined weight is over 40% in the Index of Industrial production (IIP). In January 2021, industrial production slipped 1.6%, after registering a 1% growth in December 2020.

Experts say recovery would be delayed with the steep rise in Covid-19 infections across the country. "The fact that all sectors have gone negative is a disappointment," said Madan Sabnavis of CARE Ratings.

NO CHANGE IN INFLATION TARGET

The Centre has kept the inflation target for the next five years at current levels, Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said on Wednesday. The current inflation target is 4% (plus/minus 2%) | P12

Mangaluru couple murdered by son in New Zealand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mangaluru

A couple from Mangaluru, who had settled in New Zealand, were found brutally stabbed to death, allegedly by their own son. The murder occurred five days ago, and the son also reportedly stabbed himself later. He is now said to be battling for life in hospital.

The double murder of Elizabeth 'Elsie' Bangera (55) and her husband Herman Bangera (60), in Auckland came to light only on Tuesday, leaving relatives and friends shocked.

Gupta, a neighbour of the couple, said their son Sheal (23), after graduating as an engineer, had decided to move out and live independently. "This led to a conflict between the parents and son. A few days ago, a heated argument ensued over the issue, during which an enraged Sheal allegedly stabbed both his parents to death. Later, he attempted suicide. He has been admitted to a hospital in Auckland by the police," Gupta added. P7

In letter bomb, Eshwarappa accuses CM of interference

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

IN yet another major embarrassment to the B S Yediyurappa-led BJP government, after Minor Irrigation Minister J C Madhuswamy's recent outburst, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister **K S Eshwarappa** dropped a letter bomb on Wednesday, accusing Yediyurappa of interference and authoritarian administration.

In his five-page letter to Governor Vajubhai Vala, dated March 31, Eshwarappa has accused Yediyurappa of sanctioning works worth crores to MLAs without his consent and pressuring the Principal Secretary to the RDPR department to approve the works. The letter comes on a day the Karnataka HC permitted an investigation against Yediyurappa in a case related to poaching of MLAs.

The letter is expected to create a political storm in the state BJP which is grappling with the sleaze tapes allegedly involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi.

Eshwarappa, in his letter, has cited many instances of Yediyurappa approving funds without his consent in violation of The Karnataka Government (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1977. The RDPR minister, whose rivalry with Yediyurappa is no secret, alleged that the CM directly sanctioned ₹65 crore to Bengaluru Urban Zilla Panchayat president and put pressure on the Principal Secretary to issue orders, bypassing the minister. "I would also like to quote important decisions taken by the Honourable Chief Minister recently, ignoring me, by sanctioning huge funds on the request of the MLAs to the tune of ₹774 crore under RDPR, bypassing the minister," he said. P7

EXPRESS READ

Three more Rafale jets arrive in India

New Delhi: A fourth batch of three Rafale jets landed in India on Wednesday after flying non-stop from France, in a further boost to the strike capability of the IAF.

Pak to import sugar, cotton from India

Islamabad: Pakistan will buy sugar and cotton from India, Finance Minister Hammad Azhar said, lifting a ban imposed in the wake of heightened tension over Kashmir in 2019.

DCGI extends shelf life of Covishield

New Delhi: India's drug regulator DCGI has extended the shelf life of Covishield from six to nine months from its manufacturing date.

WATER IS SACRED

Kodagu girl's story on Cauvery wins UN recognition

While I was aware of climate change, I learnt from speakers from all across the globe on what climate change did to the Earth. I knew that the Earth was in danger.

Manavattira Yashmi Dechamma

PRAJNA G R @Madikeri

"THE Earth is already in a bad state and will be inherited by us tomorrow. We want to breathe the same pristine air that our grandparents breathed," says Manavattira Yashmi Dechamma, a ninth grader who has been selected for the UN Ocean Decade Summit, to be hosted in Hawaii soon. Yashmi got the opportunity after her video documentary on the theme 'Water is Sacred' won the H2021 Water Summit storytelling contest in the 13-17 age group category.

A native of Nelaji village in Kodagu, Yashmi is currently pursuing her studies at Acharya Vidya Kula in Mysuru. During the lockdown situation, when the world took the virtual path, Yashmi was introduced to the UN Ocean Decade Summit and she took part in the virtual programmes conducted by the initiative. "While I was aware of climate change, I learnt from speakers from all across the globe on what climate change did to the Earth. I knew that the Earth was in danger. But I got clarity on the growing problem after attending the virtual summit," Yashmi points out.

She was then introduced to the H2021 Water Summit, where she attended virtual sessions for four consecutive weekends and learnt about the story-telling competition. "Each session was based on a particular theme. The theme 'Water is Sacred' was close to my heart as I am from the Kodava community and we worship River Cauvery," she says. CONTINUED ON: P7

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ALMANAC TODAY
Thursday: 01/04/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Chaturthi 3.49 pm
Nakshatra: Vishaka 11.52 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 35°C
FORECAST
Scattered clouds

Sunrise 6.35 am
Sunset 6.28 pm
Moonrise 8.33 pm
Moonset 8.08 am

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PALIKE TOP OFFICER WILL NOW BE 'CHIEF COMMISSIONER'

Will work with eight zonal commissioners; functioning will be decentralised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO ensure better administration and implement the new BBMP Act, the state government issued orders on Wednesday that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner will now be called the 'Chief Commissioner', and the eight zonal commissioners will start their work from April 1. The order included the names of the zonal commissioners: East Zone — Manoj Jain; West Zone — Basavaraju S; South Zone — Tulasi Madineni; Dasarahalli — Ravindra SG; RR Nagar — B Reddy Shankar Babu; Bommanahalli — Rajendra Cholan; Mahadevapura and Yelahanka — D Randeep.

According to the orders, the special commissioners are the new zonal commissioners, however, all paper communication will be issued only by the chief commissioner. The orders also stated that all work orders will be given as per the new Act, which will continue until there is no contradiction to the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act and rules.

Officials from the urban development department and BBMP explained that it was a step towards making the new BBMP Act a reality, and decentralise the functioning of BBMP. "Until now, everyone used to come to the BBMP head office to get their issues resolved. Now, zonal commissioners will work as BBMP commissioners of their zones, and the post of the BBMP commissioner, until now a post of principal secretary, has also been upgraded to the post of additional chief secretary. Citizens now need not come to the head office or approach the BBMP Commissioner as they used to earlier for every query," they said.

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>
> An official

Before transfer orders

These orders were issued a few minutes before the transfer of IAS officers were issued, which included that of the BBMP Commissioner and administrator

Had requested for transfer, says Manjunatha Prasad

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HOWEVER, clearing the air, Manjunatha Prasad told *The New Indian Express* that he had requested the CM for a transfer. "After recovering from Covid-19, my health was not permitting me to handle too much work, and being BBMP Commissioner is a 24-hour job. I realised that I was not doing justice and position requires round the clock functioning now. I had requested the CM and he has agreed," he said.

Gaurav Gupta

Prior to his transfer, Prasad had been BBMP Commissioner for the fourth time — from April 25, 2016 to May 3, 2018; June 29, 2018 to July 4, 2019; July 15, 2019 to August 28, 2019; and July 18, 2020 to March 31, 2021. In his new post, he will hold concurrent charge as Principal Secretary, Revenue Department of Disaster Management, Bhoomi and Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR).

The new Palike Commissioner, Gaurav Gupta, said that thrust will be on handling the Covid-19 issue. He recollected that he had worked with BBMP earlier in 1994-95 as East zone deputy commissioner and as Special commissioner, Finances and Projects in 2005- 07. "Though it is too early to say anything on what needs to be done, importance will be given to Covid-19 issues and work will go on in the same manner to control the pandemic," he said.

Also, as per the orders issued on Wednesday, Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department and Urban Development Department, will now hold concurrent charge as BBMP Administrator. Gaurav Gupta will also hold concurrent charge as Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department.

EXPRESS READ

BBMP official's PA ends life over 'work pressure'

BENGALURU: The personal assistant of BBMP East Zone's Joint Commissioner ended his life at his house in Vijayanagar police station limits, on Wednesday. The deceased, Rakesh Gowda, is a resident of Vijayanagar who hailed from T Narasipura in Mysuru district. Police said Gowda's family had gone to T Narasipura while he and his niece were at home. Gowda had locked his room's door. As his phone was kept outside, his niece knocked on the door when he started getting calls. When he did not open the door, she informed her brother. "Her brother rushed home and broke the door open to find him hanging from the fan. His family said they do not suspect foul play. It is said that Gowda was dealing with work-related pressure," police added. **ENS**

Mask up properly on Metro or pay up ₹250

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

FACED with repeated complaints about many commuters not maintaining social distancing or wearing face masks properly in Metro trains and stations, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has decided to soon levy a fine of Rs 250 on those who violate prescribed Covid protocols.

On steps being taken following the surge in Covid cases, BMRCL managing director Ajay Seth said, "Since last week, we have increased announcements in stations and trains advising the public to follow Covid protocols. We are also notifying that BMRCL will levy a penalty of Rs 250 if the protocols are not followed."

He said that a three-member security team has been travelling in trains and warning violators since last week. "The team will enforce the penalty as a last resort if people continue to be casual during their Metro ride," he added.

A board outside the Baiyappanahalli Metro Station displays Covid protocol

A S Shankar, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance, BMRCL, pointed out that even those who wear masks in trains and stations, many do not put them on properly, like leaving the nose uncovered and so on.

"We urge the public to wear masks properly in the interest of all. Again, many are not maintaining the required social distancing and this will affect the health of other commuters," he said.

Asked if any action has been taken so far against commuters violating the norms, Shankar said, "We have been a bit lenient so far and are presently only conducting awareness campaigns at stations and in our trains. Commuters will get penalized shortly if they are found to violate Covid norms."

ENTRY TO CITY

Only flyers from three states, one UT need Covid -ve report: BIAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FLYERS from across the country heading to Bengaluru are in a state of confusion following Health Minister K Sudhakar's recent announcement that travellers from all states to the city need to carry a Covid-negative certificate from April 1.

The official twitter handle of airport operator, Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), has been bombarded with queries from flyers on what the actual position is.

@BLRAirport has responded to many, "As per the current GoK directives, a negative RT-PCR report - not older than 72 hours - is mandatory for passengers arriving from Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Chandigarh. The negative report will be verified by the airline staff at the time of boarding. For the rest of travellers from other States to Karnataka, there are No specific guidelines received from the State government as of now. For more information, kindly reach out to our airlines."

The operator also stressed that the negative certificate was not necessary for transit passengers from any state.

Among the worried flyers who sought help was Bengaluru-based Tushar. "I am travelling from Delhi to Bengaluru this Saturday. Also, my wife is travelling from Bhopal on same day. Do we need RT-PCR report for this travel. Please confirm," he had tweeted. Rajiv Meher, a consultant based in Johannesberg, tweeted: I am travelling from Jharsuguda to Bengaluru by Spicejet Airlines on the 2nd of April. Do I need to have COVID test certificate to enter Bengaluru?"

It appears that airlines too were a confused lot. Flyer Atiqullah Nasir stated: I checked with Indigo with whom I need to travel on 2nd April, they also don't have idea. Kindly check from Karnataka government and confirm quickly as I am travelling wd my full family which include kids as well."

An airport bus jam-packed with passengers on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Passengers suffer as airport cabbies pull the plug on ops

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

FLYERS who landed at the Kempegowda International Airport on Wednesday morning as well as those who wanted to head to the airport all day were in a for a rude shock when they realised that not a single taxi was operating for the day between those points. BMTC pitched in by operating additional Vayu Vajra buses to and from the airport throughout the day.

Most taxis within the city too were not available. Services of app-based taxis alone were partially restored late in the evening following talks between taxi representatives and the transport department. The government has also sought a four-day period to arrive at a permanent solution to the issues spelt out by the operators.

A representative body of taxi operators has threatened an indefinite agitation if that does not happen.

Government, private as well as app-based taxi operators unanimously decided to stop operations in the aftermath of the death of 35-year-old Pratap, a cab driver of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), who succumbed to burn injuries at Victoria Hospital at 1.45 am on Wednesday. Upset over not getting enough trips, he immolated himself inside his car outside the airport on Tuesday evening and was rushed to the hospital.

Airport operator, Bangalore International Airport Ltd, in the evening announced that app-based taxi services have been restored. A top cop at the airport said, "Things will return to normalcy by Thursday morning."

KSTDC did not run a single taxi and a decision will be taken on its operations on Thursday, said Tanveer Pasha, president, Ola Uber Drivers' and Owners' Association.

BMTC pitched in with numerous additional buses. "We ran 15 additional buses on Tuesday night to supplement our existing fleet of 75 buses. Late on Wednesday afternoon, we ran another 35 buses and plan to run another 10 or 12 buses later in the night. Though taxi operators said they have begun operations by evening, it was sporadic. So, we continued operations," said a senior BMTC official.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01st April: Even if your individual reading says differently: seize opportunities while you have the chance. Something small and subtle but highly beneficial is due to take place today. Those who go for it may never look back. Those who stop and blink may find that the chance has moved on.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A professional or business concern will go through a decisive period, largely due to disciplining influence of Saturn. You may have to cope with a loss of confidence but this will be short-lived. At the very least, you will be contemplating a breakthrough at work.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)
You really must be more decisive if you want to implement any of the many schemes which have been coming your way. It's possible, of course, that you have been so obsessed with minutiae that you have completely missed some grand opportunities.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
This is a time of rewards, but also of increased responsibility and hard work. Perhaps personal gains will result from your success in dealing with ordinary chores. Partners have the best ideas, so you may gain from accepting invitations you'd once have turned down.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's planetary picture should have a calming effect on your ambition, particularly if you've been planning to travel or are coping with any legal problems. But you may be too impatient to take rational decisions. Perhaps you can wait until your head has cleared.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The proud Leo lion may be feeling a little bruised and battered after recent domestic tiffs, even if you've come out on top. Be magnanimous in victory and take the initiative in restoring trust between friends. Your financial prospects couldn't be better, by the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your concern is to see order is maintained in spite of indications of chaos. Partners and loved ones are waiting for you to come up with a solution to a problem that you feel is none of your making. Turn your attention to money - your ideas are smarter than you think.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Just because a partner is in a pushy mood, that is no reason to give way on issues which are vital to your happiness and well-being. If you hold your ground, others will be forced to respect you. At home, a relation seems to be helping you behind the scenes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Although your position once seemed so secure, there are new factors now. Someone somewhere thinks you let them down. It is no use imagining that you can go on as before, pretending that nothing happened, and you must now arrange a peace meeting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
How did you manage to arrive at the situation in which you now find yourself? It's probably hard to unravel the exact chain of events, but that's no reason to absolve yourself from all blame! The Moon's support, as a matter of fact, helps you get your way at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may be waiting for other people to cheer you up. What may please you now is if someone offers apology for a past misdemeanour, or a bright idea as to how you can improve conditions for yourself. Be in no doubt that you are in command of the situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your main concern must be to get partners to give you an idea as to why they feel so strongly about issues that, as far as you are concerned, are of no importance whatsoever. Attempt to see the other side of the coin for a change, and view the world through a partner's eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Try not to be unduly concerned about what others may be scheming. In the final analysis, there is little that anyone can do to push you off course or shake your confidence in your own destiny. Deep down you're much tougher than others give you credit for.

THE PHANTOM

THE GUARDS! LOCKERS! EXACTLY WHERE MISTER TOWNS SAID THEY WOULD BE....
Falk 1/30
WHILE THE TRUSTED MAN'S SUITING UP, I'LL TAKE OUT A FEW OF THE GUNS STANDING BETWEEN HIM AND THE CENTRAL GUARD STATION....

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I THINK YOU MISSPELLED "FLOUR"
MENU TACOS W/FLOOR TORTILLAS BEANS RICE
NO, I DROPPED THEM ON THE FLOOR
NONE FOR ME, PLEASE
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

"THEY HAVE A STORYBOOK MARRIAGE... SOMETHING OUT OF H.P. LOVECRAFT."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HAVE SOPHISTICATION." "I HOPE THE DOCTOR WILL GIVE YOU A SHOT FOR THAT!"

SUDOKU

Medium: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	7	4	8	9	2	6	5	3
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7	9	8	1	2	4	5	3	6
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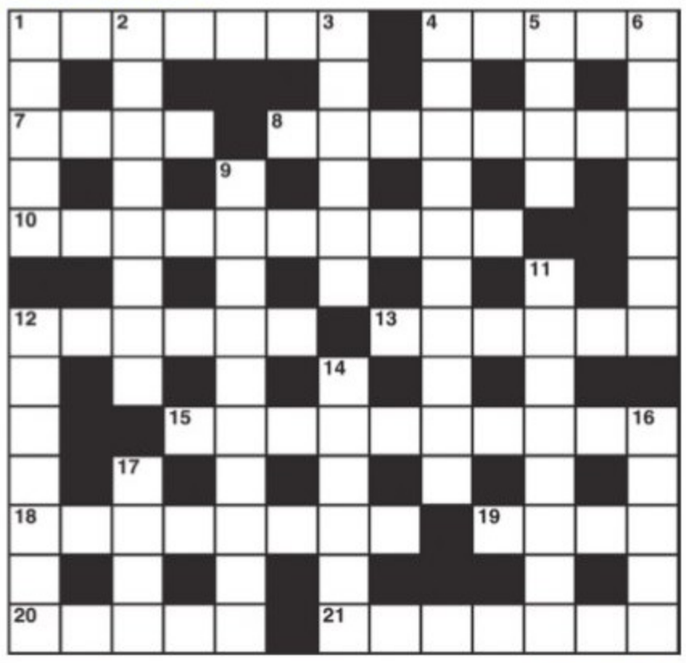
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Aspired to become a literary giant (7)
4 He uses the air rifle incorrectly (5)
7 She turns a nut (4)
8 One can't sleep through it (8)
10 The number one iron in one's hand? (3,2,5)
12 It may go down well but one dies to kick it (6)
13 Turning points for a number in a new post (6)
15 Foreign train official on duty at the Vatican (5,5)
18 Radio set especially designed for a space traveller (8)
19 Painter who gets involved in yoga (4)
20 They take their turns at sea (5)
21 One of many carried by the caddy (3,4)

DOWN

1 A drop of whisky before a stage show (5)
2 Time for a few words (8)
3 Bitterly continue a row with the French (6)
4 Pedestrian crossing (10)
5 Hotels lie in opposite directions (4)
6 Stretches out and gets pain again (7)
9 Later chasing minors (10)
11 In no position to act so came to a fresh arrangement (8)
12 It helps a tramp to settle down (7)
14 Sits, as unsteady? Help! (6)
16 If all plants were this, there would be no great variety (5)
17 Outstanding boss for the farm (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Adolf Hitler, 9 En masse, 10 Let up, 11 Owns, 12 Reporter, 14 Deacon, 16 Recess, 18 Learning, 19 Open, 22 Stiff, 23 Abridge, 24 Indoor games.

Down: 2 Demon, 3 Less, 4 Heeled, 5 Talk over, 6 Entitle, 7 Second-class, 8 Opera singer, 13 To and fro, 15 Arabian, 17 Unfair, 20 Padre, 21 Area.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TRYID

TOMOT

ZENEES

LIRPAL

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The Gopher's game is starting!
It's so small, I may have to have a couple.
I think it's the perfect size.
WHY CAN A SMALL PEPSI SOUND LIKE A U.S. STATE?
BECAUSE IT'S A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: " ○○○○ - ○○○○ "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** PILOT POKER MAGNET FONDUE
ANSWER: The android was nervous about a positronic brain replacement but would – KEEP AN OPEN MIND

Outgoing BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said on Wednesday there are 525 vaccination centres in the city and over 85,000 people are being vaccinated daily. Currently 1.50 lakh vaccine doses are available and 4 lakh dose are expected to arrive.

BEATING THE PANDEMIC

GOVT'S COVID MANTRA: TEST-TRACK-TREAT

RT-PCR tests to be increased to 70% of all tests

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AS cases rise, the Karnataka government has adopted the Test-Track-Treat protocol and has issued directions to ensure that it is strictly implemented and enforced across the state to curb infections.

The state government has issued a set of regulations that will be in force from April 1. The Centre had in March last year, urged states with a high caseload to focus on testing, tracking and treating, and has recently written to states repeating this recommendation.

In terms of testing protocol, the government has directed that RT-PCR tests should be increased to 70% of all tests, and that where the proportion of RT-PCR tests is low, it should be increased.

Tracking protocol involves isolation and quarantining of people who test positive and need to be traced at the earliest. Containment zones should be clearly demarcated, and no movement of people in or out is to be allowed, except for essential goods. House-to-house surveillance teams should be formed and officials should follow up on positive cases and their contacts for 14 days. Within 72 hours, 80% of contacts must be traced.

The government has said that the treat protocol must ensure quick isolation of Covid patients and timely treatment.

PVT HOSPITALS TO RESERVE 10% OF BEDS FOR COVID PATIENTS

Bengaluru: Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad on Wednesday held a meeting with nodal officers of hospitals and directed to them reserve 10% of beds for Covid patients. He said that hospitals must not turn away patients with symptoms but admit them immediately. "It will be very helpful for patients if hospitals display the status of the number of beds available. There should be separate blocks in private hospitals and staff should separately treat Covid patients," he said.

RULES FROM TODAY

- BBMP, local authorities to promote Covid-appropriate behaviour, physical distancing. Fine of Rs 250 to be levied in urban local body areas, Rs 100 in other areas, for not wearing masks.
- All activities outside containment zones to be carried out as per SOP: Travel by train/flight/metro, schools, higher educational institutions, hotels/restaurants/shopping malls, multiplexes and entertainment parks, yoga centres/gymnasium, exhibitions, assemblies/congregations, etc
- Govt to ramp up vaccination of priority groups
- Work from home (WFH) to be implemented as far as possible
- Staggering of work/business hours to be followed in offices, workplaces, shops, markets and industrial and commercial establishments
- Screening/hygiene: Thermal scanning, hand wash/sanitizer facilities to be provided at all entry points/exit points/common areas
- Frequent sanitization of workplace area/common areas/door handles, etc
- Physical distancing: Adequate distance between workers to be followed

Pay delayed, but Covid warriors fight on

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

WHILE the government urged people to bang utensils to show their appreciation for health workers, and even showered flower petals on hospitals, a year on, health workers on contract have alleged they are not being paid on time.

Around 25,000 people, hired either by the National Health Mission (NHM) or by the Zilla Panchayat, work on contract in the state's health system. While many contract workers hired by zilla panchayats have not been paid since January, those who work under the NHM and are paid by funds received from the Centre, get paid in tranches, such as once in three months.

"I have not received my salary since January. When we ask District Health Officers (DHO), they say there are no funds in the Zilla Panchayat. Our workload is heavier due to the pandemic, and we are also suffering financial issues," said a doctor who works in Chikkaballapur on contract. He said the delays started in the past year.

Another contract doctor from the same district faced a similar situation. "We have to carry out Covid vaccination, test suspected cases, provide non-Covid outpatient services, all at the same time at primary health centres, but we do not get compensated on time. This is the condition in all districts and we are finding it difficult to manage," said the doctor.

Rachanna, a lab technician at Shahpur Taluk Hospital in Yadgir district, hired on contract under the NHM, has been getting paid once in three or four months. He raised the issue with the Deputy Commissioner and DHO, but to no avail.

That they are not treated on par with permanent employees has been a source of indignation. "I last got paid at the end of January for the month of December. Contract and outsource workers are given false assurances. But this is not an issue for permanent employees. I have been working during the pandemic and tested positive myself," Rachanna said.

The Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsourced Employees' Association wrote to the Yadgir DHO on February 8 about salaries delayed.

Health Commissioner Dr Thrilok Chandra said there was not shortage of either NHM or zilla panchayat funds. He said the health department itself was pursuing the matter of salaries to ensure they are credited through the contract agency and that it has been done until March-end.

"It is possible that some people may have been left out," Dr Chandra said.

45-plus? Get vax today

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FROM April 1, all citizens aged above 45 years, irrespective of comorbid conditions, will be eligible for Covid-19 vaccination. The target population is estimated to be around 1.66 crore, stated a press note from the health department.

"In addition to existing Covid-19 vaccination centres, the state plans to intensify the vaccination drive by extending services at Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) and sub-centres. Around 5,500 centres will carry out vaccination, including Public Health Centres, Urban Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, taluk hospitals, district hospitals, medical colleges and private hospitals, as is already being done," the department said.

Districts have the flexibility to schedule vaccination in HWCs and sub-centres, and vaccination will be done under the supervision of a medical officer. The state has provided guidelines to districts to strategise vaccination through support from the government and NGOs.

STATE RECORDS HIGH OF 26 DEATHS

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Karnataka on Wednesday recorded the highest single-day addition of Covid cases in the second wave with 4,225 patients added to the tally which spiralled to 9,97,004, even as deaths too broke the daily toll record with 26 fatalities taking the total to 12,567 across the state.

The last time the state recorded a single-day addition of over 4,000 cases was on October 29, 2020 when 4,025 cases were added to take the tally to 8,16,809.

Severe Acute Respiratory Infection and Influenza Like Illness were present in all the patients who passed away, as per the March 31 health bulletin.

The number of patients currently positive and under treatment or isolation jumped to 28,248 on Wednesday from a low of a little over 7,000 in the third week of January, and recording a 10.59 per cent increase over Tuesday's 25,541 active cases.

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Vishwanath Shendge,
95, Infantry Road, Bangalore,
Cel: 9886303092

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from the owner **Mr. Mukund Raju B. L.**, S/o Late C.L. Lakshman Raju, No. 29/3, 2nd Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003.

Any person or persons having any manner of right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned along with the supporting legal documents **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, our client shall complete the sale transaction. Any Claims/Objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.29/3 (formerly portion of No.29), PID No.6-3-29/3, Situated at 2nd Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.77, Gandhinagar Sub-Division, Bangalore together with the old and dilapidated building thereon and site measuring:

East to West : 23.50 Feet. North to South : 83 Feet. Total Area : 1950.5 Square Feet and bounded on :

East By : Property bearing No.29/2
West by : Private Property (formerly belonging to Mrs. Prabha Ramamurthy)
North by : Property bearing No.29
South by : 2nd Cross

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Appl No.V0133783) Malleswaram Branch **Keshavalu Reddy K A** (Borrower) **Nirmala Keshav** (Co-Borrower)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY - (Description of entire property on which the apartment building being constructed.) -** All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising 3 items of converted land (converted from agricultural use to non agricultural residential purpose vide order No. ALN-[ASH]-SR-210/2010-11 DATED 29.3.2011, passed by Spl. Deputy Commissioner (Rev), Bangalore Dist.)	11.6.2018 ₹ 24,19,254 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Four Only)	30.3.2021

forming contiguous plot, situated in Kudlu village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas, as described in the item no. 1, 2 and 3 hereunder :

Item No.1 - All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising in converted land bearing Sy No. 87/1 of kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 01 Acre 16 Guntas and the said property is bounded there on:- **East By :** Land in Sy No. 88/1, **West by :** Road, **North by** : Road and **South by** : Land in Sy No.87/2 & 88/2.

Item No.2 - All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising in converted land bearing Sy No. 87/2 of kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 39 guntas and the said property is bounded there on:- **East By** : Land in Sy No. 88/2, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Land in Sy No. 87/1 and **South by :** Land belonged to Doddammane Abbaiah.

Item No.3 - All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising in converted land bearing Sy No. 88/2 of kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 18 Guntas and the said property is bounded there on:- **East by :** Portion of land in the same survey number allotted to Nagaraj Reddy, **West by :** Land in Sy No. 87/2, **North by :** Land in Sy No. 87/1 and **South by :** Doddammane Abbaiah's property in Sy No.86/1.

SCHEDULE A (A) PROPERTY - (Description of immovable property on which the club house and commercial space of the apartment complex is situated.) All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the portion of land measuring 1,23,057 Sq.Ft.out of the entire project land comprising in item no.1 to 3 of Schedule – A property herein above, viz., (i) Sy No. 87/1 measuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas, (ii) Sy No. 87/2 measuring 39 Guntas, (iii) Sy No. 88/2 measuring 18 Guntas situated in kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk (totally measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas or 1,23,057 Sq.Ft.) having BBMP Khata No.54/Sy.No.87/1, 87/2 88/2, being the land appurtenant to the club house and commercial building which is as marked in the building plan approved by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike vide No.J.D.P.T./S/LP/59/2010-11, along with all rights of way, water, light, electricity, drainage, easementary rights and other rights and appurtenances attached hereto.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY - 565 Sq. Ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY - All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No. G-01, on Ground Floor, Type 2A, in E Block, measuring 1820 Sq Ft Super Built up area and together with 430 Sq Ft of exclusive open terrace area, containing three bed Rooms along with One Car Parking Space in the multistoried residential apartment building known as "ND PASSION ELITE" constructed in the immovable property bearing being the portion of land measuring 1,23,057 Sq Ft out of the entire project land comprising in Item No. 1 to 3 of in the schedule 'A' property herein above situated in Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk (Totally measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas or 1,23,057 Sq Ft) having B Khatha No. 54, Sy No.87/1, 87/2, 88/2, being the land appurtenant to the club house and commercial building which as marked in the building plan approved by the Bhuhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Vide No. J.D.T.P/S/LP/59/2010-11 along with 565 Sq Ft of undivided Share of land and bounded for Flat :- **East By :** Open to Sky, **West By :** Flat No. G - 02, **North By :** Flat No. G - 04 and **South By :** Open to Sky.

Place: Malleswaram
Date : 1.4.2021

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Congress candidate for the Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll Satish Jarkiholi, while campaigning in the constituency on Wednesday, said the wind is blowing against the BJP in the seat as it is directly responsible for the worsening inflation and failure of governance at both the State and Centre

Job scene looks up, govt lifts freeze on recruitments

Fin Dept asks different sections to send proposals, says prior nod must

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AS the second wave of Covid is raging across the state and there is a sense of gloom all around, here is some good news. The State Government, which had frozen recruitments for the past one year because of Covid-triggered restrictions, is now reconsidering its decision. Starting from Thursday (April 1), the new financial year, the Finance Department has asked various departments to submit their proposals for fresh hiring.

However, recruitments have to be done only after the Finance Department gives its approval. The circular, issued by Finance Department Secretary Ekrup Kaur, too, stresses this point.

She has stated that a freeze had to be enforced in July 2020 to mobilse resources to tackle Covid-19 pandemic.

The State has 72 departments, including agriculture, home, urban development, health, tourism, education, food and civil supply, power, water resources, excise and medical education. Over 5.3 lakh regular employees and 1.5 lakh contract staffers work in these departments.

> **All these years, especially after the budget or at the start of the new financial year, many departments hired more people than required. This drained the resources and the Finance Department would raise objections**
> Sources

Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president C S Shadakshari told The New Indian Express that of the 7.7 lakh sanctioned posts, 5.4 lakh staffers are working, leaving a vacancy of 2.6 lakh posts in various departments. The vacancies are high in some departments, like Education, Revenue, Urban Development and others. "With no recruitment and lesser staff, the existing employees are under pressure to do more work," he said.

Though the government says technology is replacing human resource, the creation of new taluks, districts and departments require additional staff, he pointed out.

Official sources from the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) said that last year, the State Government froze all recruitments, except a few essential ones. "All these years, especially after the budget or at the start of the new financial year, many departments hired more people than required. This drained the resources and the Finance Department would raise objections. This is the reason the new circular, which has been issued in advance, states that the Finance Department should be kept in the loop before recruitments," they added.

NEW TEAM

In major rejig, 16 IAS officers shifted, Kumar Naik to power energy dept

An experienced hand, he vows to solve power woes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN yet another major reshuffle, a second since February this year, the State Government on Wednesday transferred 16 senior IAS officers. To tackle the power crisis in the summer, senior IAS officer Kumar Naik has been made Additional Chief Secretary to the Energy Department. Naik had earlier headed various agencies concerning energy, including Bescom, Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd and Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. He had played an important role in the commissioning of 1,600 MW Yeramarus power plant and Yelahanka Gas Power Plant during his stint at KPCL.

According to the notification, Vandita Sharma has been appointed the new Additional Chief Secretary of Karnataka. While Rajeev Chawla has been posted as the new Additional Chief Secretary (DPAR - administrative reforms), Rakesh Singh has been transferred as BBMP Administrator. Gaurav Gupta has been given the newly created BBMP Chief Commissioner's post. Manjunatha Prasad, who was BBMP Commissioner, has been transferred as Principal Secretary (Revenue Department).

Kapil Mohan has been appointed as the new Additional Chief Secretary to the Infrastructure Development Department.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, who was transferred from the Health Department recently, has been given the additional post of Secretary to Commerce and Industries and Mines along with tourism. While V Ponnuraj has been appointed Secretary to DPAR (e-governance), Sindhu B Rupesh has been made the new Tourism Department director.

Other transfers include S Honnamba (Director, Mines and Geology), BR Mamatha (Additional Mission Director, Sakala), HN Gopala Krishna (Managing Director, Karnataka Public Lands Corporation Ltd along with Director IT-BT), Gangadhar Swamy (MD, Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation), Vidyakumari (CEO, Tumakuru ZP) and Jayavibhavaswamy (Secretary, Malai Mahadeshwara Swamy Kshethra Development Chamarajanagar).

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> Kumar Naik, additional chief secy, Energy Department

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KARNATAKA, despite being the first state in the country to generate, transmit and distribute power in the early 1900s, has never had an additional chief secretary with experience in handling all the three crucial wings of the department. That is until now.

Kumar Naik, who was posted as additional chief secretary in the major reshuffle of IAS officer on Wednesday, has come a full circle in the power department, having served in transmission, distribution and generation. After the appointment, he told TNIE, "My first priority will be to ensure a stable power supply and easy access to reliable power for everyone in the State. Electricity is a fundamental requirement for industrialisation and it would be important to ensure that industrialisation takes shape in consonance with the vision of the state industrialisation policy."

"My priority will be to reduce government's massive subsidy burden and cap losses, deal with environmental concerns of thermal power stations and focus on green energy," he said. The State's kitty of green sources of energy includes 4900 MW of wind energy, 903 MW of hydropower, 1731 MW cogeneration from sugar factories, 139 MW from biomass and about 7382 MW from solar power. "I would like to increase the production of green energy, which is achievable. We are sure of receiving support from KREDL," he said.

Saragur: BJP tastes win in Siddu's backyard

ENS @Mysuru

THE Congress on Wednesday tasted a humiliating defeat in former chief minister Siddaramaiah's home turf with the BJP emerging as the single largest party in the Saragur town panchayat for the first time.

The BJP, which considered the election a prestigious battle to paint the Old Mysore region saffron, won six seats in the 12-member panchayat. While JDS won three seats, candidates supported by Congress bagged just two. An independent won the remaining seat.

This comes as a second shocker for the Congress in the region after it ceded the mayoral post in Mysuru to JDS to continue the alliance.

The town panchayat election at Saragur, carved out of HD Kote taluk, saw more women in the poll race, as three constituencies were reserved for SC General and one each for SC and ST women. Residents feel that sanctioning of Rs 18 crore under the Nagarothana scheme to develop Saragur, funds to set up taluk offices and a promise to develop it as a model town in five years yielded good results for BJP.

Op Lotus: No stay on probe against BSY

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IN a major setback to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and three other accused, allegedly involved in luring a JDS MLA as part of 'Operation Lotus' in 2019, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday vacated an interim stay granted for investigation against them. The Court also pointed out the State's 'interest' in frustrating the probe.

Justice John Michael Cunha noted that the contents of the complaint, filed by Sharanagouda, prima facie discloses the commission of cognisable offences against the accused. "The jurisdiction of this Court cannot be exercised to quash the complaint and the FIR registered against the petitioners. Petitioners being not entitled for the main relief claimed in the petitions, the question of continuing the interim order may not arise at all," he noted.

IN THE HC

Sharanagouda had filed the complaint at the Devadurga police station against then Opposition leader Yediyurappa, MLA K Shivanagouda Naik and two other accused -- Preetham Gowda and MB Mamramkal, accusing them of trying to lure his father Naganagouda Kandakur, JDS MLA from Gurumitkal, to join BJP by offering Rs 10 crore bribe in 2019.

"It is incumbent on the police to investigate the incident to ascertain the truthfulness of the allegations... Having regard to the allegations and counter-allegations made, no option is left with the court other than permitting the investigating agency to continue the probe and unearth the facts behind the secret meeting held within the closed doors at an unearthly hour," the Judge said.

The interim order had the effect of stalling the investigation and to cause disappearance of evidence. The State also appeared to have acquiesced in the matter which was evident from the haste and alacrity in appointing a Special Public Prosecutor before the matter came up listed before the court. But after suffering an adverse order, no steps have been taken to expedite the matter, instead tacitly supporting the continuance of the interim order. This speaks volumes about the interest of the State, the judge noted.

Woman in CD undergoes med tests

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THE woman, seen in the sleaze CD involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, was on Wednesday subjected to medical tests, which are conducted in rapes cases. Later, sleuths of the Special Investigation Team, constituted to probe the CD row, questioned her for over two hours and also collected her voice samples.

The SIT officials took the woman to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital for the tests that lasted about three hours. Later, she was taken to Adugodi, where the SIT officials recorded her statement.

Sources said that the woman repeated the same statement that she recorded before the magistrate under Section 164 of the CrPC on Tuesday. "She told us that she came in contact with Jarkiholi as she intended to shoot a documentary on irrigational projects in the state. Jarkiholi took her number and became close to her by contacting her frequently, and allegedly offered a government job. In return, he allegedly demanded sexual favours and had a physical relationship with her," an official said, quoting her statement.

Police outside the Bowring Hospital in Bengaluru where the woman allegedly involved in the CD row was subjected to medical tests, on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Her voice sample was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory to check if it matches with the voice of the woman seen in the CD, audio and video calls. The SIT asked the woman to appear before it on Thursday too.

Meanwhile, the woman's advocate KN Jagadish alleged that the video of the victim and the number of the car she travelled in on Tuesday were leaked to the media by the SIT staff.

"They violated the privacy of my client by circulating her visuals to TV channels. Who is responsible if something happens to her? We do not trust SIT officials," he said.

HM slams Cong, says SIT not under pressure

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday slammed the Congress for criticising the SIT that is probing the CD row involving MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi. The SIT will not come under any pressure and bring out the truth, Bommai told reporters in Bengaluru. Many Congress leaders had accused the government of supporting Ramesh against whom a case has been registered in Bengaluru. Responding to the Opposition charges, Bommai said the SIT is conducting the probe in accordance with the law and no one can intervene in it. Hitting out at the Congress, Bommai questioned their locus standi to criticise the government. "What did they do in former minister H Y Meti case when they were in power? They transferred the case to the CID and that gave clean chit to the accused."

GREEN RESISTANCE

Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Rakesh Tikait and other farm leaders at a Raitha Mahapanchayat in Belagavi on Wednesday. Tikait gave a call to the farmers to lay siege to Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi

Modi, Mahinda wish Gowda speedy recovery

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi was one of the first few to call up Deve Gowda and inquire about his health. "Spoke to former PM Shri @H_D_Devegowda Ji and enquired about his and his wife's health. Praying for their quick recovery," PM Modi tweeted.

Deve Gowda added that the PM offered to move him to any city for treatment. "I am grateful to Prime Minister @narendramodi for calling and enquiring after my health. I am also deeply moved by his offer to get me treated in any hospital of my choice in any city. I assured him that I am being looked after well in Bangalore, but will keep him informed," Gowda said.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa too checked on Gowda's health, which the JDS chief termed as "very kind".

Leaders from all parties, including Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D K Shivakumar wished the JDS patriarch a speedy recovery.

An official statement from the hospital where Gowda is being treated said that he was cheerful and and in a stable condition. Doctors have decided to monitor him for another 24 hours since he continues to suffer from fever and cough.

Delayed projects: CM pulls up Nigam chiefs

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, in the absence of a water resources minister, held a meeting with top officials of all the Neeravari Nigams on Wednesday and pulled them up for undue delays in the execution of 40-plus lift irrigation projects across the state.

He said that some 'unscrupulous elements' are not interested in completing the projects.

He warned Nigam chiefs not to fall prey to 'Pipe Lobbies', who tempt them to collect bills for the pipes and leave the works pending. Bills are claimed for pipes, but the overall civil work remains unfinished, he added.

At a closed-door meeting, after the mandatory annual finalisation of accounts, he told the officials, "I want a status report on all the lift irrigation projects and they should all be completed in time. There should be no scope for any complaints."

Those present were Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar and the additional chief secretaries ISN Prasad (finance) and Rakesh Singh (water resources). MDs of all the nigams, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam's Mallikarjun BG, Vishweshwaraya Jala Nigam's Lakshman Rao Peshwe, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam's Jaiprakash and Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam's Prabhakar C, were present.

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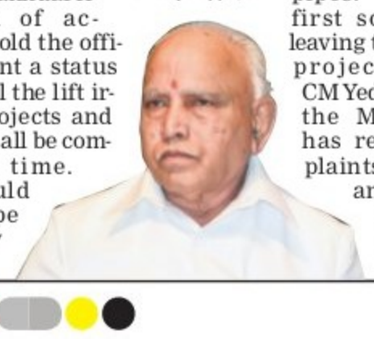
> BS Yediyurappa, CM



Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited has 13 lift irrigation projects, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited 25 and Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited 10, and it is no secret that 40 to 70% of the total cost of the project goes for pipes. Companies first source pipes, leaving the rest of the project hanging. CM Yediyurappa told the MDs that he has received complaints from MLAs and other elected representatives.

FLYING HIGH

HAL clocks revenue of over ₹22,700cr amid Covid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Production of 41 new helicopters/aircraft, 102 new engines, overhaul of 198 aircraft/helicopters and 506 engines helped Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) achieve record revenues. Despite the Covid impact on its operations, the Bengaluru-headquartered Defence Public Sector Undertaking recorded revenues of over Rs 22,700 crore, provisional and unaudited, for the financial that year ended on March 31, 2021.

The pandemic had disrupted the supply chain, both within and outside the country, for several months. Despite that, it posted a revenue growth of around 6 per cent in the financial year 2020-21, thanks to improved productivity after suspending operations for one month at the beginning of the year, a HAL statement read. The corresponding figure for the previous year was Rs 21,438 crore. HAL got the largest-ever defence contract for 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) MK-IA by an Indian company. That helped the PSU surpass the order book position by over Rs 80,000 crore, said R Madhavan, CMD, HAL.

The PSU ended the year with a positive cash balance of around Rs 6,700 crore as against borrowings of Rs 5,775 crore. The cash flow position has improved significantly with improved budget allocation from defence customers and it stands at over Rs 34,000 crore, including advance payment of around Rs 5,400 crore for 83 LCA MK1A contract. The state-owned aircraft-maker had taken several cost-cutting and austerity measures during the year that includes indigenisation of various components, increasing outsourcing efforts and rationalisation of manpower which is expected to facilitate the company to register double-digit growth in the Profit After Tax (PAT), the statement said.

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A flyer from Dubai was arrested while trying to smuggle 308 grams of gold, valued at Rs 13.46 lakh in paste form inside two capsules concealed in his rectum. It was detected by the Air Intelligence Unit of Airport Customs through profiling and physical search of the passenger

CORPORATION WORKERS BY DAY, BUSH MEAT HUNTERS BY NIGHT

Gang of five arrested in Shivamogga for supplying live animals, meat to hotels

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

AN organised gang of 'bush meat hunters' operating under the cover of municipal corporation workers, was arrested in Shivamogga city on Tuesday. The gang was involved in supplying live animals and meat to military hotels in the city.

This is the first time such an operation has been busted where the offenders, who are daily wage workers in the corporation, had plotted to hunt wildlife under the garb of catching stray pigs.

Forest officials say a detailed probe will be conducted with the help of police, to dig into the gang's antecedents and links with hotels and other people in their network.

Activists say bush meat is available in military hotels, but this expensive meat is served only to trusted customers. These men have been operating for a long time and may have killed antelopes too, they added.

Wildlife conservationist Akhilesh Kumar Chipli said, "The workers are habitual hunters and had, in fact, put up a 'Mahanagara Palike Board' sign on their private vehicle. Why would you hunt stray pigs in forests? They were hunting smaller mammals and antelopes in and around Shettihalli. This gang definitely has links which need to be probed, and more people may be operating here and in Chikkamagaluru district too."

The offenders collected solid waste in the mornings, and used their vehicle to transport live animals or meat to military hotels. They were arrested in Shankara Range, just 2km from the forest. With stone crushing units shut after the quarry blast, forest staff say wildlife is back in the area.

Responding to this, officials said, "Investigations are on to ascertain the gang's links. They are trained professionals and cannot claim that they intended to catch stray pigs. The seized vehicle did not even have a carriage to keep pigs. We are checking their antecedents, and will bring the matter before the corporation commissioner." A Shivamogga court remanded them in judicial custody for 14 days.

The offenders had professional tools and weapons like snares, clutch wire cables, nets, etc. to hunt animals, and for skinning and cleaving the meat.

Police officers with the arrested gang. They caught small animals and sold them to military hotels in Shivamogga | EXPRESS

4 held for killing tiger, leopard; hides recovered

Mysuru: Officials of the forest mobile police squad recently arrested four people who had placed snares for a tiger and leopard, to kill only and sell their hides. The accused Aruna, Nanjunda and Ravi, are from Hunsur taluk and Ramesh, a tribal from Kunteri hamlet in the taluk. The squad, under the leadership of DCF Poovaiah, RFO Vivek and DRFOs conducted a successful operation and made the arrests. According to forest sleuths, the accused had snared a tiger to death in the Veeranahosahalli range of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. "Similarly, a leopard was caught using a jaw-trap and was later beaten to death by the accused in the buffer zone between Nagarahole and Hunsur. They later transported the animals to Ambedkar Nagar where they were de-skinned and ate meat of both the animals," said a forest official. Forest sleuths recovered the hides along with jaw-traps that were used to trap the animals along with the snares. **ENS**

DUTY AUDIT

Appoint IIMB to study MoU of Metro project: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to appoint Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore (IIMB) to study whether the State Government and BMRCL have discharged their obligations mentioned in the memorandum of understanding (MoU) entered for implementation of the Metro Rail project in the city.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order to appoint IIMB to ascertain if all the terms and conditions of the MoU entered in respect of Phase-1 of the Metro Rail project, are complied with in true letter and spirit and also assist the court.

Passing the order in response to a PIL filed by DT Devare and Bangalore Environment Trust, the court directed BMRCL to place on record the draft of terms of reference regarding the appointment of IIMB.

Alleging that the government and BMRCL have failed to abide by the terms and conditions of the MoU, the petitioners prayed the court to issue directions for implementation of all terms and conditions, which include Comprehensive Mobility Plan and Integrated Traffic Rationalisation Plan, which are imposed by the Centre, while entering into the MoU with the State Government and BMRCL.

During the previous hearing, the court asked the State and Centre, and BMRCL to make a statement, whether they are prepared to appoint an independent agency like IIM or IIT to ascertain that all the terms and conditions of the MoU are complied with in true letter and spirit.

Accordingly, they have agreed to appoint IIMB and the court passed the order to that effect.

Sloth bear sighted, yet to be captured

ENS @Bengaluru

A wild sloth bear, which allegedly attacked six people on Monday and Tuesday, is yet to be caught. It was sighted on Wednesday morning between Chandrapura and Anekal.

State forest department officials told *TNIE* that the alert which was issued on Tuesday, is still on as the sloth bear has not been captured. "Even while locals said that they have seen a sloth bear, the forest department staffers have not sighted any, only pug marks have been seen. Until the animal is captured, we cannot let our guard down," the official said.

The official added that it seems like the animal is returning. "Till Tuesday, it was sighted moving towards Attibele, but now it has moved around 8-10 km from the place where the first person was attacked," he said. Officials added that if it continues this way, then the animal would come back into the forests of Bannerghatta National Park. There has been no injury or attack on any one so far, hence this could also mean that the animal attacked people out of fear on Tuesday.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in Karnataka Housing Board & also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work : Jungle Clearance and External electrification repair works for KHB Colony in Sy No. 364/2 to 368 of Betageri Village, Gadag District.

- Tender reference Number : **KHB/2020-21/OW/work_indent 805 & IFT No. 134/2020-21 Date: 29-03-2021**
- Amount put to tender – **Rs.11,23,652/-**
- Last date for submission of bid - **15-04-2021 up to 4.00 PM**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
NOTIFICATION

The 34th **Convocation** of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is likely to be held in the month of May or June 2021. The exact date and time will be notified later. Candidates who have completed degree as on **30.04.2021** are eligible to apply and receive their respective degrees in the ensuing Convocation either **"IN - PERSON"** or **"IN - ABSENTIA".** Application forms for the Convocation (**In Person or In Absentia**) may be downloaded from the UAS website: **www.uasd.edu**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

CAUTION NOTICE

Name of the Borrower: " Mahesh L S/o Lakshmi Narayan including Legal heirs, Agents, Assignee"

The Borrower mentioned here in above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned immovable property/secured Asset/ and any dealings with the said immovable property/secured asset will be subject to the mortgage of Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Corporation Bank) Peenya Branch, Bangalore.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Apartment bearing No.G-2 (Municipal No.22/1) 9th Main, Rajamahal Vilas Extension, BBMP Bangalore, on the ground floor of the residential building known as "Palace Orchards Apartments", Sadashivanagar, having a super built up area of 1,700 Sq.ft, Along with one Car Park, constructed on the Schedule A Property, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with one top covered car parking area in the basement in the schedule A Property. situated at Rajamahal Vilas Extension, Bangalore.

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(A Government of India Undertaking)
Chickpet Branch
678/679, SB Market, Chickpet, BANGALORE-560053
Ph : 080-22267476, 22269355
E-mail : b0348@psb.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that our Bank client who had taken Bank lockers on rent have not responded to the Banks Notices, at the last known address for operating/surrendering the locker/clearing arrears of rent. Accordingly in terms of Clauses 11 and Clauses 25 for hiring of the locker duly accepted by the hirers, the Bank may break open/take repossession by breaking open the lockers of such hirers to private sale of the part or whole of the contents of the locker and hold the balance of the contents or proceeds of sales at the entire risk and responsibility and cost of the hirer(s). Though it is not obligatory on the part of the Bank to give such Public Notice, yet it is being done for the interest of clients/hirers. The break open locker details are as follows.

LOCKER NUMBER : 0348R0100053
LOCKER HOLDER NAME : Mr.Harbhajan Singh

Date : 31.3.2021
Place : Bangalore
Assistant General Manager

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಸಿಆರ್/483/2020
ಸಿ.ಇ.ಎನ್.ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಛೇರಿ ನಂ.5, ಮಿಲ್ಲರ್ಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-52 (080-22267868)
ದಿನಾಂಕ 27/03.2021

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ದಿನಾಂಕ 22/11/2020 ರಂದು ಪಿರ್ಯಾದಿ ಠಾಣೆಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ನೀಡಿದ ದೂರಿನ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಮಾದನಾಯ್ಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಮೊ.ನಂ.483/2021 ಕಲಂ-ಕಲಂ-420, 120(ಬಿ) ಜೊತೆಗೆ 34 ಐಪಿಸಿ ರೆ/ವಿ Sec-21 Banning of unregulated Deposit Schemes Act-2019 and Sec-9 of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishements Act 2004.ರ ರೀತ್ಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯನ್ನು ಮೇಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಸಿ.ಇ.ಎನ್. (ಸೈಬರ್)ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಬು ಚಿಟ್ ಫಂಡ್ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಆರೋಪಿತರಾದ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು, ಲೋಕೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಮತ್ತು ನಟರಾಜುರವರನ್ನು ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ವಶಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಅವರಿಂದ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಮಾನತ್ತುಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಆರೋಪಿತರಾದ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು, ಲೋಕೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಮತ್ತು ನಟರಾಜುರವರುಗಳು ಹಾಲಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ಬಂಧನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ಆರೋಪಿತ ಬಳಿ ಚೀಟಿ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಮಾಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಚೀಟಿ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ತನಿಖಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಸಿ.ಇ.ಎನ್. ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಛೇರಿ, ನಂ.5, ಮಿಲ್ಲರ್ಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560052 ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ,
ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರು, ಸಿ.ಇ.ಎನ್. ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intents to purchase the land bearing Sy.No.18/1 and present Sy.No.18/4 (New) situated at Krishnarajapura, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring 01 acre 03 guntas from a. SRI C. KRISHNAPPA, S/o. late Chikkanna, b. SMT. PANKAJA, W/o. C. Krishnappa, c. SRI CHANDRASHEKAR, S/o. C. Krishnappa, d. RAGHU, S/o. C. Krishnappa, All are R/at: K.R. Puram, Shivakote Post, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru-560089. Any persons claim to any interest in the properties described in the schedule hereunder to send their objection in writing to the undersigned with Xerox copies of the documents relied upon within a period of **7 days** of Publication.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.18/1 (Old) and present Sy.No.18/4 (New) situated at Krishnarajapura, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring 01 acre 03 guntas out of 1 acre 17 guntas and bounded on the:

East by : Main Road, West by : Nitte Education Trust Property, **North by:** Remaining portion of same Sy.No., **South by:** Nitte Education Trust Property.

Sd/- H.R. ANANTHAKRISHNAMURTHY,
Advocate, No. 140, Infantry Road,
Bengaluru-560001. Date: 29.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intents to purchase the land bearing Sy.No. 64/1C measuring 20 guntas and Sy.No.64/1C measuring 0.11 ½ guntas of Madappanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Village, Bengaluru from SHAFEEQ PARVEEN, W/o. T.S. Abdul Saleem, R/at: R1/1812, 8th Main, Behind Anugraha Provision Stores, Judicial Layout, Yelahanka New Town, G.K.V.K. Post, Bengaluru - 560065. Any persons claim to any interest in the properties described in the schedule hereunder to send their objection in writing to the undersigned with Xerox copies of the documents relied upon within a period of **7 days** of Publication.

SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY

Land bearing Sy.No. 64/1C, measuring 11½ guntas out of 01 acre 30 guntas, situated in Madappanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bounded on the:

East by: land belonging to Govindaraju, **West by:** Government Road and remaining land belonging to Narayanappa and others, **North by:** B.Narayana's land and **South by:** Venkatappa's land.

SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY

Land bearing Sy.No.64/C measuring 20 guntas situated in Madappanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bounded on the: **East by :** L. Govindappa's land, **West by:** Government land, **North by:** Narayanappa's land and **South by:** Byappanahalli boundary.

Sd/- H.R. ANANTHAKRISHNAMURTHY,
Advocate, No. 140, Infantry Road,
Bengaluru-560001. Date: 29.03.2021

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560 079, ಬಸವೇಶ್ವರನಗರ, 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 4ನೇ ಹಂತ, 17ನೇ A ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 14/4ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಮೂರ್ತಿ ರವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಸುಜಾತ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಮಗ ವಿಶಾಲ್ ರವರು ಶ್ರೀ. ಮುನಿಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಎ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಜಯಮ್ಮ ರವರಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿಸುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಾಲೀ ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ. ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.127 ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಮಾಳಗಾಳು ಗ್ರಾಮದ 52ನೇ ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಸೈಟ್ 39ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಇದರ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ : ಶ್ರೀ. ಮುನಿಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಲೀ ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ : ಶ್ರೀ. ಮುನಿಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಲೀ ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ : ಶ್ರೀ. ಮುನಿಸ್ವಾಮಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಲೀ ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ : ರಸ್ತೆ ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ : 30-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : 40-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ತಕರಾರು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ 7 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕೃಪಾಲ್ ಲಾ ಛೇಂಬರ್ಸ್, ವಕೀಲರು.
ನಂ. 47, ಜಯದತ್ತ ಮ್ಯಾನ್‌ಷನ್, 5ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 5ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 03.
ಮೊ: 9880528844.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

No. GESCOM/SEE(Proc)/EE/AEE/2020-21/55813-21 Date: 26.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM) invites tenders in Two Tender Document system for following through E-procurement mode.

PC -1002(Call-4): Manufacturing and supply of 11KV PT as per GESCOM Specifications. **PC – 1107 (Call-2):** Implementation of **Group Personal Accident Insurance to all Officers & Employees of GESCOM**

The bid documents will be available on **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **31.03.2021.**

Sd/- Superitending Engineer (Ele), Procurement, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

For Electricity Complaints Call 1912 Download URJA MITRA APP

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, Mr. G. Jayappa @ G. Jayabba, age 63 years, S/o Late Ramaiah, permanent address at Balanagireddygaripally, Motamallala Post, Rompicherla Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh-517192, presently R/at 1/2, Middle School Cross Road, V.V. Puram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South-560 004 do hereby inform to the general public that I am the absolute owner of the Schedule Property registered sale deed executed by Dr. S. Veeresh, S/o S. Hallappa, in my favour of G. Jayappa @ G. Jayabba, which is registered as Doc. No. ANK-1-27697/2006-07, stored in CD No. ANKD 178, dated 25.01.2006 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal, Bangalore and the said property stands in my name. I have lost the original Sale Deed when I was travelling in a Auto from Majestic to my Home at VV Puram, Bangalore. In spite of my best efforts, I could not find the same. In this regard I had lodged police complaint at Jurisdictional limits, and if anybody finds the above said documents, please hand over the same to the above said address. Mobile: 9440569817

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOSS OF ORIGINAL SALE DEED)

This is inform to the general public that, my client Smt. Manjula .B W/o Manjunath, R/at No.54/8/1B, A.N. Guptha layout, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 030, has lost the below mentioned original sale deed while making Xerox of the same and not to be traced. Hence, my client has lodged the complaint bearing Lost report No. 087264/2021, dated: 31-03-2021 to the Crime Branch, Bengaluru city Police for having lost the original sale deed bearing document No. 28120/2004-05, dated: 19-01-2005 which was registered at Krishnarajapura Sub-Registrar Office, Bengaluru pertaining to property bearing site No.24, Katha No.38/3/1, situated at Sonnathammanahalli @ Thambuchettypalya, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk formerly Bangalore South Taluk comes under jurisdiction of K R Puram CMC, measuring East to West 40.5 feet and North to South 31 feet total measuring 1255.5 sq feet. The finders of the above original sale deed are requested to return the same to my below mentioned address within 7 days.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
HBM Law Associates
No.2, 1st Floor, Byranna Building, Madanayakanahalli, Tumkur Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Near Canara Bank, Bengaluru-562162 Mobile No.9060950265

THE MYSORE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED
ISO 9001 COMPANY
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
P.B.No. 2221, Tumakuru Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560 022.
Ph: 23376851(6 lines) 23376641 (4 lines) Fax: 23371811
e-Mail:**mei.matls9@gmail.com** Visit us at **www.meiswitchgears.com**
Ref.No.: MEIL/DGM(MATLS)/ADMN/ERP/2021-2022/123 Dt: 29.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

SELECTION OF SYSTEM INTEGRATOR FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM AT MEI

Please visit us at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For any details and clarifications. Contact Phone Nos.: 080-23379506 / 23379507

Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Materials)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, BBMP,
K.R. Pura Division, Old Madras Road,
K.R. Pura, Bengaluru-560036

No.: EE/KRP/TND/35/2020-21 Date: 30.03.2021

INVITATION FOR TWO COVER TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (K.R. Pura) invites **Item Rate** tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / any State or Central Govt. Organization.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Improvements to Kalyani Development Works. **(Call-2)**	150.00
2	Comprehensive Developments to Roads and Drains in Shanthi Layout, Muniswamy Reddy Layout, Punyabhoomi Layout, Manjunatha Nagara, Akshaya Nagara and surrounding areas in R M Nagara **Ward No. 26.**	100.00
3	Improvements to Roads, Footpaths and Drains at Diesel Shed Road and Tent Road surrounding areas in **Ward No. 55,** Devasandra.	100.00
4	Providing Concrete Roads in Saibaba Layout in **Ward No. 81,** Vignana Nagara.	53.00

EMD: EMD Declaration

Calendar of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Availability of RFP documents: **05.04.2021** onwards. **(3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **08.04.2021 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Chief Engineer Office, K R Pura. **(4)** Last Date for submission of tender documents on or before **15.04.2021** at **4:00 p.m. (5)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division on **17.04.2021** at **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division, BBMP

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ)

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ನಂ:ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ:2505/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್-14/2020-21/267 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31-03-2021

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020-21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1 ಮತ್ತು 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **HDMC/Horti/Tractor-Hire/2020-21/CALL-2**, ರೂ. **10.24** ಲಕ್ಷ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು. (12 ತಿಂಗಳು). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07-04-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.00 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08-04-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.30 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT114947**, ರೂ. **30.58** ಲಕ್ಷ, 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ (12 ತಿಂಗಳು). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15-04-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.00 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16-04-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.30 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಲ್ಲದೇ **ಸದರಿ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01-04-2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ)
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/939/2020-21 ಹು.ಧಾ. ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ (ನಗರ ಭೂಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ)
ವಾ.ಕ.ರ.ಸಾ.ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ: ಹೊಸೂರು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಟರ್ಮಿನಲ್, ಬಿ.ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಹೊಸ ಕೋರ್ಟ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹೊಸೂರು, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-580021 ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 0836-2222007/08, ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ : hdbrtsprojectcell@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಹೆಚ್‌ಡಿಬಿಆರ್‌ಟಿಎಸ್/ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ/ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ/748/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-02-2021

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಕಂ.ನಿ. ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
Tender No. HDBRTS/OPERATIONS/TENDER (Commercials)/748/2020-21

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು : (1) ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್ ಕಂ. ನಿ. ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999-2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮತ್ತು ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ, ಹೆಚ್-ಡಿ.ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ ಇದರ ಆಡಳಿತ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟರ್ಮಿನಲ್ (ಮಿತ್ರ ಸಮಾಜ)ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಗುರುತಿಸಿದ ಖಾಯಂ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳು, ತೆರೆದ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳು, ದ್ವಿಚಕ್ರ ವಾಹನ ನಿಲುಗಡೆ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಿಗೆ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಒಂದು/ಒಂದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು/ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಿಗೆ, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ದಾಖಲೆ/ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (4) ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು/ರದ್ದತಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ದಾಖಲಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (5) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್ ಕಂ. ನಿ. ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ)-8884469592, ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ ಪ್ಲಾನರ್-8050689906, ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು-9535144942 ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆ / ಖಾಲಿ ಸ್ಥಳದ ವಿವರಗಳು	ಮಳಿಗೆ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ಅವಧಿ	ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆ/ಅರ್ಜಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1	ಬೇಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಯಾಂಟೀನ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕೋರ್ಟಯಾರ್ಡ	ಉಪಹಾರ ಗೃಹ/ದರ್ಶಿನಿ	5-ವರ್ಷ	5,00,000/-	30-03-2021	22-04-2021 by 16:00 Hrs	23-04-2021 by 16:00 Hrs
2	ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿಯ ತೆರೆದ ಸ್ಥಳ-1	ಶಾಪಿಂಗ ಮಾಲ್/ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೆಂಟ್	5-ವರ್ಷ	5,00,000/-			
3	ನೆಲಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿಯೋಸ್ಕ ಸ್ಥಳ-1,	ಜನರಲ್ ಸ್ಟಾಲ್	3-ವರ್ಷ	50,000/-			
4	ನೆಲ ಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆದ ಸ್ಥಳ-2,	ಜನರಲ್ ಸ್ಟಾಲ್	3-ವರ್ಷ	50,000/-			
5	ನೆಲ ಮಹಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿತೆರೆದ ಸ್ಥಳ-3,	ಜನರಲ್ ಸ್ಟಾಲ್	3-ವರ್ಷ	50,000/-			
6	ಬೇಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿಚಕ್ರ ವಾಹನ ನಿಲುಗಡೆ ಸ್ಥಳ-1 ಮತ್ತು 2	ದ್ವಿಚಕ್ರ ವಾಹನ ನಿಲುಗಡೆ	3-ವರ್ಷ	2,00,000/-			

ಸಹಿ/- ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಐಟಿಎಸ್/ಕಾ)
ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule from its owners namely, (1) Timmy Joseph, son of Joseph Thomas, and (2) Joseph Thomas, son of Mathew Thomas. Any person/s having any right, claim, charge, demand, interest, or any objection in respect thereof may approach the undersigned along with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction on the basis that there is no right, claim, charge, demand, interest, or any objection of whatsoever in nature with regard to the property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 364 measuring East to West 80 feet, and North to South 120 feet, measuring in all 9600 square feet, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated in Koramangala III Block Extension, Bangalore, presently bearing Municipal No. 364, PID No. 68-2-364, Ward No. 68, Ejipura, Bangalore, and bounded on:- **East by:** Site No. 363; **West by:** Site No. 365; **North by:** Site No. 403; **South by:** Road.

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No. 101, 1st Floor,
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Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-56001
Contact No. 9840933240

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client Smt. Dakshayani T.N., W/o Sri Sivakumar P., residing at No. 2, 11th 'A' Cross, 2nd Main, Prashanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 079, is intending to purchase the schedule property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its owner Smt. Malleswary P., W/o Sri. P. Sreenivasulu, presently residing at No. 5136, 13th Floor, Prestige Royal Garden, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064. Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner are objecting to such transaction in favour of our client may write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within 15 days from the issuance of this public notice. if no claim or objections are registered our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the schedule property deemed to be free from all encumbrances. Any claim received behind 15 days will not be considered.

Any person/s dealing with directly or indirectly with regard to the schedule property or in any manner shall doing so at their costs, risks and consequences and our client shall not be responsible for such acts.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No. 439 in Bhavani Nagar Layout II Stage, formed by the Railway Men's Building Co-operative Society Ltd., in Sy. Nos. 75, 76 and 78 situated at Malathahahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South (45.00+34.00)/2 feet in all measuring 1580 square feet presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 456, **North by:** Site No. 440, **South by:** Road.

B.S. Manjunath & R. Gopal, Advocates
No. G-7, HMS Complex,
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru -560 002.
Ph. No. 22273769 Mob. No. 9731162448

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from the owners viz., **(1) Mrs. Annapoorna Anand,** No.2, Leyson Road, The Reddings, Cheltenham GL516RV, United Kingdom, **(2) Mr. K.Ravishankar,** No.D-607, Purva Sunshine Apartments, Kaikondarahalli, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore-560 035 and **(3) Mrs. Archana Nagesh,** No.69, Gumtree Street, Runcorn QLD-4113 Australia.

Any person or persons having any manner of right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction may lodge the same with the undersigned along with the supporting legal documents **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, our client shall complete the sale transaction. Any Claims/ Objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.29 (formerly portion of No.29), PID No.6-3-29, Situated at 2nd Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.77, Gandhinagar Sub-Division, Bangalore together with the old and dilapidated building thereon and including the Passage measuring East to West 3 Feet and North to South 83 Feet leading from 2nd Cross to the Schedule Property and the site measuring:
East to West : 50 Feet. North to South : 20 Feet. Total Area : 1000 Square Feet and bounded on :
East by : Private Property
West by : Private Property
North by : Conservancy Lane
South by : Passage leading from 2nd Cross Road to the Schedule property. And property bearing Nos. 29/2 & 29/3 and 2nd Cross Road

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Bengaluru Date : 31-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that myself Mrs. Umme Asma Alia Asma Kouser, wife of Mr. Z. Imtiaz Ahmed residing at No. 12, II Cross, 6th Main, S.K. Garden, Bangalore the undersigned herein along with Mrs. Umme Salma, wife of Mr. Ayub Khan, residing at No. 79, Brad Road, Thimmaiah Road, Nehrupuram, Bangalore, are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property described below.

The original documents of the below mentioned Schedule Property being:
a) Sale Deed dated 10/07/1984 which is registered as document No. 1172 in Book I, Volume 2328, Pages 181 to 184 executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Mr. K. R. Gopal, and
b) Sale Deed dated 18/10/1984 which is registered as Document No. 2065, in Book I, Volume 2369, Pages 97 to 100 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by Mr. K.R. Gopal in favour of Mrs. Parveen Taj are lost/misplaced by the undersigned herein within the vicinity of S.K. Garden, Bangalore. Police Complaint has been lodged on 26/03/2021 vide lost report No. 084071/2021 at J.C. Nagar Police Station, Bangalore.

The finder of the aforesaid documents is/are hereby requested to handover the aforesaid documents to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from this date, failing which it shall be deemed that the said documents are lost or irretrievable and therefore, certified copies of the same shall be procured from the office of the Sub-Registrar of Jurisdiction in lieu of the lost original documents for purpose of records as original documents.

Further, this is to notify the general public that myself and my sister Mrs. Umme Salma being the absolute owners of the Schedule Property now intent to sell the said property to prospective purchaser's.

Any person/s, Banks/Financial institutions or any other authority concerned having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest or objection in, to or upon the Schedule Property or over the aforesaid two lost /misplaced sale deeds and its sale may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights or claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and that myself and my sister above named will proceed with the sale of the Schedule Property to the prospective purchaser/s as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable bearing Corporation No. 15, Sagayapuram. Ward No.90, PID No.90-14-15, Bangalore (Earlier Property bearing No. 77/15, earlier to that No. 77, 5th Cross, Pillanna Garden I Stage, Bangalore), measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 30 feet, bounded on the :
East by : Puttamma's House bearing No. 76;
West by: House of Patel Jalal bearing No.78;
North by : Private Property;
South by : Road;
The total site area of the Schedule Property measuring 750 Square Feet.

Mrs. Umme Asma Alia AsthmA Kouser,
W/o Mc Z. Imtiaz Ahmed
No. 12, II Cross, 6th Main,
S. K. Garden, Bangalore.
Bangalore.
Date: 31-03-2021

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED**, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **04.01.2021** calling upon the borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor –**(1) Mr. Sadashivaiah H S** S/o Sri Shivanna **(2) Mrs. Prema Kumari** W/o Mr. Sadashivaiah H S Both addressed at: No.20, Andrahalli Main Road, Behind Anupama School, Sai Baba Nagar, Bengaluru-560091, **Rs.53,05,719.00** [Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Nineteen Only] under TL **A/c No.0997001600115501** along with future interest from **30.12.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on this **31st day of March 2021.**

The borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Srinagar Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.53,89,298.00** [Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Only] under TL **A/c No.0997001600115501** along with future interest from **28.02.2021,** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of Residential property bearing House List No.23, Khata No.479, New Khata No.479/23, BBMP Ward No.49, measuring 1280 sqft. (East-West 32 ft. North South 40ft), situated at Doddabidarakallu, Andhrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru along with 3 floor building constructed thereon measuring 2534.94 sqft. (As per plan areas is 2424 sqft) belonging to Mr. Sadashivaiah HS **Boundaries of property** (As per deed/actual): East by: Property No. 24 / Vacant Site; West by: Property No.22 / Vacant Site; North by: Property No.20 / 3 floor factory building; South by: Road / Road.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 31.03.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager &
Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC, Lalbagh Road
#73, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru – 560 027.
Tel No: 080-22114022 E.Mail:sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on below mentioned dates

The borrowers/guarantors in perticular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost ect.,

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the borrower : Sri. Humayun S/O Late Abdul Azeem,**
Demand Notice date:13.01.2021 **A/c.No.:** HTL54029739301
Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: Rs. 2,14,411.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 10.01.2021. and interest & expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 30.03.2021
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs. 2,18,116.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Eigheen Thousand One Hundred Sixteen only) as on 05.03.2021 and further interest from 06.03.2021 costs, etc., thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Muncipal corporation No 68, situated at Manager Ranganna lane, Nalbandwadi, in corporation ward no 29, Cottonpet Bangalore 560053,measuring East to West 38 feet, North to South 27 feet, totally measuring 1026 Sq.Ft and bounded on the : East by: Lane, West by: Pvt. Property Late Abdul Razaks House, North by: Pvt. Property Late Abdul Baigs House, South by: Pvt. Property Late Abdul Baigs House .
Vide Absolute Sale Deed dated 02.09.2005 registered in favour of Sri.Humayun S/o Abdul Azeem in Book No.1 under Document No. GAN-1-02603-2005-06 and CD No GAND51 at the Office of Sub Registrar Gandhinagar on 02.09.2005.

2. **Name of the borrower : Sri.Syed Kaleem Ulla** S/o Late Syed Gulam Husain
Demand Notice date:08.01.2021 **A/c.No.: HTL 64169014685**
Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: : Rs. 24,14,530/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Only) as on 06.01.2021 and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 30.03.2021
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs. 23,93,106.00 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Six only) as on 29.03.2021 and further interest from 30.03.2021 costs, etc., thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Katha No.63/3 PID No.50-71-63/3 Ranoji Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -560004 measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 27.5 feet and bounded : East by: Property of Syed Aleem No.63/2, West by: Property of Hazi Nabi Shareef, North by : Property Nos.20/64 Old No.64, South by: Property No. 18/62 now apartment building.
Absolute Sale Deed registered in favour of Sri. Syed Kaleem Ulla S/o Late Syed Gulam Husain in Book No.1 under Document No. 2844 of 67-68 page 92, volume 75 dated 06.02.1968 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru on 06.02.1968.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 30.03.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India , RACPC, Lalbagh Main Road, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Shri Raghunath N Naik**
e -mail :rndbban@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 94489 93490
Land Line No. (Office): 08315-270208

Address of the Branch:
ILKAL BRANCH (40312),
Near KSRTC Bus Stand, Ilkal 587 125
HUNGUND TALUK, BAGALKOT Dist.
Telephone:08315-270208
Emial ID:sbi.40312@sbi.co.in

Sale notice for sale of Moveable & Immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Moveable & Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of FinancialAssets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 6 (2) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice this hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / Physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23.04.2021., for recovery of Rs. 6,46,83,342.00 (Rupees six crore forty six lakh eighty three thousand three hundred and forty two only) as on 28.02.2021and further interest from 01.03.2021, with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.due to the State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, from the borrower(s): M/s HIRANMAYI GRANITES AND MINERALS PVT LTD.,Koppal Dist., Sy.No.52/3,Bandargal Village, KustagiTq. and the Guarantor(s): 1).ShriSathyanarayana,No.7, V-2, VasudhaApartments,Flat No.203,9thMain,Srinivas Nagar,Banashankari 1st Stage,Bengaluru South,Bengaluru 560 040,2).Sri Nagaraj M Shetty, No.571/1, 1stMain,Pipe Line Road,Srinagar,Bengaluru, 560 050 and3). Smt. M.N.Mahalaxmi, W/o. Sathyanarayana, No.7, V-2, VasudhaApartments,Flat No.203,9thMain,Srinivas Nagar,Banashankari 1st Stage,Bengaluru South,Bengaluru 560 040. **Last date of remittance of EMD is 21.04.2021.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE 'A': MOVEABLE ASSETS

Name of the title holder: **M/s HIRANMAYI GRANITES AND MINERALS PVT LTD**

Tender No. ILKAL/5/2020-21

Sl. No	Description	Year of purchase	Qty
1	HEIN SAW STEEL CORE a)Hein Round Disk for Saws D2482*9*150mm*140 Slots b)Hein Round Disk for Saws D3182*9*5*150mm*160 Slots	2015 2015	1 2
2	Stone Processing Machine- Granite Vertical Block	2014	1 No
3	Stone Processing Machine- Granite Vertical Block	2014	1 No
4	Stone Processing Machine & Crane	2015	1 No
5	Internal Handling crane	2014	2 Nos
6	Internal Handling crane	2014	2 Nos
7	Granite Vertical block cutting 3.2 mtrs B 1 single blade water base machine with electricals Model SBM METRO B 3	2016	1 Set
8	Granite Vertical block cutting 3.2 mtrs B 1 single blade water base machine with electricals Model SBM METRO B 3	2016	1 Set
9	Rosava automatic Resin Coating Plant in Knock down condition a)Oven – 1, b)Arm Crane – 1, c)Resin Station – 1 d)Dilt – 1, e)Control Panel – 1, f) Blower with Heater – 1	2016	1 Set
10	Granite Vertical block cutting 3.2 mtrs B 1 single blade water base machine with electricals Model SBM METRO B 3	2016	1 Set
11	Granite vertical block cutting 3.2 mtr,B1 single blade water base machine with Electrical Model SBM Metro B3	2016	1 Set
12	HEIN SAW STEEL CORE a) Hein Round Disk for SawsD3182*9.5*150mm*160 Slots b) Hein Round Disk for SawsD2482*9*150mm*140 Slots	2016	1 Pc 2 Pcs
13	Rosava Automatic Resin Coating Plant in Knock down condition a) Tray-39 Nos,b)Station -1 Nos, c)Vaccum pump – 1 Nos d.)Tilt- 1 Nos, e)Arm Crane with Hoist -1 Nos	2016	1 set
14	HEIN SAW STEEL CORE a)Hein Round Disk for SawsD2482*8.0*150mm*140 Slots b) Hein Round Disk for Saws D2982*9.3*150mm*160 Slots	2016	2 Pcs 1 Pc
15	Line Polishing machine LPM Hone Luster 1300/125 with CO.MR.S Italian 5 brick flicker head (part-1) without all optional accessories	2016 2016	1 No 1 Set
16	Mono Single Wire Block Dressing Machine Model Pro Cut D 2000 Suitable for2.1 mtr Height with Revolving Trolley and Electricals		
17	Granite Vertical block cutting 3.2 mtr, B1 single blade water base Machine with Electrical Model SBM Metro B3	2016	1 Set
18	HEIN SAW STEEL CORE a)Hein Round Disk for SawsD2482*9*150mm*140 Slots b)Hein Round Disk for Saws D3182*9.5*150mm*160 Slots	2016	1 Pc 2 Pcs
19	Other accessories /Misc. Items		

SCHEDULE 'B': IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No. ILKAL /6/2020-21
Name of the title deed holder: Shri Sathyanarayana
All that piece and parcel of property in Sy.No.52/3 measuring 3 Acres and 24 guntas situated at Bandargal Village, Kustagi Tq, Koppal Dist , bounded on the: **North by**: Land belonging to Sri Basayya Paarayya Hiremath **South by**: Land belonging to KEB and Road.**East by:** Land belonging to Hirelaxmibai W/o. Hire Basavanagowda Patil **West by:** Land belonging to Smt. Basawwa W/o. Basavanagowder.

DETAILS OF E-AUCTION SALE OF SCHEDULE A & B PROPERTIES AS SINGLE LOT

Description of Properties & Tender No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money to Be Deposited	Bid Multiplier	Date and time of e-auction of movable and immovable property as single lot
Schedule **A - Movable &** Schedule **B Immovable Tender No. ILKAL/4/2020-21**	**Rs. 3,19,00,000.00**	**Rs. 31,90,000.00**	Rs.1,00,000/-	**23.04.2021** 60 Minutes from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM

DETAILS OF E-AUCTION SALE OF SCHEDULE 'A' & 'B' PROPERTIES AS SEPERATE LOTS:

Description of Properties & Tender No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money to Be Deposited	Bid Multiplier	Date and time of e-auction of movable and immovable property as single lot
Schedule 'A' **Moveable Tender No. ILKAL/5/2020-21**	**Rs. 1,27,00,000.00**	**Rs. 12,70,000.00**	Rs.50,000/-	**23.04.2021** 60 Minutes from 12.30 PM to 1.30 PM
Schedule B IMMOVABLE **Tender No: ILKAL/6/2020-21**	**Rs. 1,92,00,000.00**	**Rs. 19,20,000.00**	Rs.1,00,000/-	**23.04.2021** 60 Minutes from 1.30 PM to 2.30 PM

The e-auction for sale of the Schedule A and Schedule B properties as a single lot will be conducted on 23.04.2021 at 11.30 a.m. In the event the Schedule A and Schedule B properties together is not sold in the said auction as single lot, then above said Schedule A and Schedule B properties will be sold in separate lots on the same day ie., 23.04.2021at 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm respectively. However, in the auction as separate lots, only if Schedule A property is sold, the auction of Schedule B property will be confirmed. If Schedule A property is not sold, then the auction conducted for Schedule B property will be cancelled.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com, 2.www.tenders.gov.in. Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in.

Place: Ilkal
Date: 30.03.2021
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

KARNATAKA GRAMEEN BANK

(A Scheduled Bank Established by Government of India, Head office: Ballari)
Regional Office: MANDYA (DP Code: 2506)

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDERSECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATOIN AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

All the request, Bank has extended credit facility to the bellow mentioned individuals against secured assets through the Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest of execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal dept an interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned bellow sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved /not acknowledged, his notice is now issued

Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor / Name & Address of the Borrower:1) Nanjappa M R S/o Lt.Shivananjaiah, 2) Saraswathamma W/o Lt. Shivananjaiah, R/o: H Mogenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District, 3) Roopa W/o Kumar, R/o : Chikkenahalli Village, Nagavara post,Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District.Guarantor: Thayamma W/o Lt. Marisiddaiah, R/o: H Mogenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District.
Branch: Dasavara **Account No: 42188131000116**
Loan Amount Rs: 7,00,000/- **Date of Sanction: 02.01.2016**
Demand Notice Date: 22.02.2021 **Nature of Loan: Housing Loan** **NPA Date: 07.07.2018**
Outstanding amount: Rs. 10,03,068/- (Rupees: Ten Lakhs Three Thousand Sixty Eight only) as on 31.01.2021 and interest and other charges from **01.02.2021.**
Description of Immovable Property: The House Property Khaneshmari No.295, Serial No. 345(295/345) and E-Khatha No. 152900102200300322, Measuring: E-W 25 x N-S 30 feet, Property situated at H Mogenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. **Bounded on: East by:** Property of applicant. **West by:** Property of Kempamma. **North by:** Road. **South by:** Property of Puttaswamy, Property is held in the name of **Shivananjaiah S/o Lt. Ramasanjeevaiah.**

Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor / Name & Address of the Borrower:1) Chikkegowda S/o Lt.Marilingegowda, 2)M C Chandraiah S/o Chikkegowda, 3) M C Basavaraju S/o Chikkegowda R/o: Makali Village& Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District.
Branch: Dasavara **Account No: 42188115000109**
Loan Amount Rs: 14,80,000/- **Date of Sanction: 24.04.2009**
Demand Notice Date: 10.02.2021 **Nature of Loan: MSME-Com** **NPA Date: 21.02.2018**
Outstanding amount: Rs. 6,55,709/- (Rupees: Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine only) as on 23.01.2021and interest and other charges from **24.01.2021.**
Description of Immovable Property: Commercial Property Brick Unit- S.No.668, Measuring: Block 1and Block 2 totally 4453 Sq meter, Property situated at Makali village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. **Block -1 Bounded on: East by:** Road. **West by:** Property of Thibbegowda. **North by:** Property of Rajanna and other, **South by:** Property of Karithimmegowda, **Block-2 Bounded on: East by:** Oni. **West by:** Remaining property of S.No 200/3. **North by:** Property of Puttalingegowda. **South by:** Property of Chikkamarigowda. Property is held n the name of **Chikkegowda S/o Lt.Marilingegowda.**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses with in 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (2) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank.This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to such other auction or legalproceeding as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law.

Date: 01.04.2021
Place: Mandya
Sd/-Authorised Office
Karnataka Gramin Bank Mandya

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC) – II, KORAMANGALA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri. K. Sreenath**
Chief Manager,
E-mail Id: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in
Mobile No:+91 7338150888.
Land Line No. (Office): 080 -25943803

Address of the Branch:
No.12, 7th Main, 3rd Block,
Koramangala, Bangalore -560 034.
Tel: 080 -25943803, Fax: 080 -25943800,
E mail: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in
Mgr. NPAM :Sri Rajendra T. 9448990270

APPENDIX – IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E – AUCTION SALE ON 21.04.2021
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(EXCLUDING MOVABLE ASSETS, IF ANY, LYING IN THE PREMISES)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying thereon under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1)of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India and whose actual physical possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.04.2021** for recovery of loan dues to the State Bank of India from the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)as specifically mentioned hereunder against their names.

The Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagors Outstanding dues, the reserve price, the earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the each property of the said Borrower/Mortgagors to be sold will be as under:

(1) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Sri. Anthony Sunil Kumar D.,** S/o. Sri Daniel Anthony, No.1/2, Venugopala Swamy Temple Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru – 560 084, **Also at:** Apartment No. B 9, "AISHWARYA ENCLAVE",Site No.3, BBMP Khata No.3/3, Raghuvanahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, **Office Address:** Shri Anthony Sunil Kumar D, Quality Manager, KonceptKlothing, No.14/2, Basement Floor, Rajesh Chambers, Brunton Road, Bengaluru – 560 025.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.35,31,953/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Only)**as on**29.03.2021**and further interest at contractual rate from **30.03.2021** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs.17,12,000/-	Rs.1,71,200/-	Rs.20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 21.04.2021	19.04.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2019-20/44:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY: (Description of Entire Property)
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.3 (Three), V.P. Katha No.3/3, BBMP Katha No.3/3, situated at Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and measuring as follows:
Item No.1: East to West: 58.0 feet and North to South: 54.6 feet, totally measuring: 3161.0 Sq. feet.
Item No.2: East to West: 49.0 feet and North to South: 46.0 feet, totally measuring: 2254.0 Sq. feet.
Item No.3: East to West: 8.0 feet and North to South: 22.0 feet, totally measuring: 176.0 Sq. feet. Total land measuring Item No.1 + Item No.2 + Item No.3, totally measuring 5591.0 Sq. feet with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder to underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by: Road and Borewell belonging to Basavanna and Doraiswamy's Property, West by: Converted Land, North by: Gangamallaiah's Property,South by: Chennappa's Property.

SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of Undivided Share):186.36 Sq. feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land of Schedule -'A' Property.

SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Description of Apartment)
Apartment bearing No.B9, 1 BHK on the Second Floor with a super built up area of 575.0 Sq. feet, together with RCC Roofing, vitrified tiles flooring, along with One covered Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor, including proportionate share in common areas such as lobbies, passages, staircase and terrace rights contained with the Apartment known as "AISHWARYA ENCLAVE" constructed in the Schedule -'A' Property, standing in the name of Sri D Anthony Sunil Kumar, S/o. Sri Daniel Anthony , vide Sale Deed dated 14.12.2015 and registered as Document No.JPN-1-08115/2015-16 and CD No.JPND333 dated 14.12.2015 at SRO, Jayanagar (J.P. Nagar), Bengaluru and the flat bounded as follows: East by : Open to Sky, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.B10, South by: Flat No.B8.

(2) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Smt. Nethrayini S. P.,** W/o. Sri Kodanda Raman, No.73, 5th Cross, Muneswara Layout, K R Puram, Bengaluru 560 036, **Also at:** (i) Flat No.FF-03, First Floor, **"Sri Sai Kamal Nivas"**, Sy. No. 58/5A, V P Khata No.690, Gubbalau Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, **(ii) Office address:** Process Specialist, M/s Cognizant Global Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Manyatha Embassy Tech Park, Rachenahalli, Nagavara, Bengaluru – 560 077.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.79,53,400/-** (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only) as on **29.03.2021** and further interest at contractual rate from **30.03.2021** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
2.	Rs.29,46,000/-	Rs.2,94,600/-	Rs.30,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 21.04.2021	19.04.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/45:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY : SCHEDULE –'A' PROPERTY: (ENTIRE PROPERTY)
All that piece and parcel of residential Immovable Property bearing Nos.9,10,23,24, formed in Sy. No.58/5A, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru vide Conversion Order No.BDIS.ALN/SR(S) 288/03-04 DT:15.11.2003, V P Khata No. 690,situated at GUBBALALU VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike Ward No. 184, Uttarahalli Sub Division, Bengaluru and the site measuring East to West: Northern Side 86.0 feet, Southern Side 86.6 feet and North to South: 60.0 feet and totally measuring 5190 sq. feet and bounded on the :East by : 30 feet Road, West by : 30 feet Road, North by: Site No.8 & 25, South by : Site No.11 & 22.

SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: 471.8 Square Feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule -"A" Property.

SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Apartment Mortgaged to the Bank): All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat bearing No.FF-3, 2BHK, New BBMP Khatha No. 1451/FF-003/747/9-10-23-24, in the First Floor of the apartment building known as "SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1100 sq. feet with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors etc., provided in the Schedule "A" Property and standing in the name of Smt. Nethrayini W/o. Sri Kodanda Raman, vide Sale Deed Dated 14.12.2015 and registered as Document No. BSK-1-10823/2015-16 and CD No.BSKD334 on 15.12.2015 at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi(Banashankari), Benglauru and bounded on the :East by: Open Space, West by : Flat No.FF – 2, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.FF-4.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, RACPC -II, Koramangala, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., **(1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.tenders.gov.in and (3) https://www.bankeauctions.com/Sbi.**

For inspection of the properties please contact 9740367868/9739087288.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 31.03.2021
Sd/- Authorized Officer
SBI, RACPC -II, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

The NIA reportedly conducted raids on the houses of several civil rights activists at many places in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday evening. The NIA raids were ongoing in Sattenapalle, Kurnool, Proddatur and Visakhapatnam when reports last came in.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra waves to people at a roadshow in Chalakudy, Kerala, on Wednesday | A SANESH

Hope people will respond to my call, says Priyanka

I think UDF is doing well, we'll come back to power: AICC gen secy

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @T'Puram

PRIYANKA Gandhi Vadra, one of the star campaigners for the UDF, has exuded confidence that the Opposition will return to power. Speaking exclusively to *TNIE* on Wednesday, she expressed optimism that the people of the state will respond to her campaign speeches highlighting the Congress plan to focus on issues like development, jobs, economy and healthcare.

Before leaving for Kochi, the 48-year-old Priyanka readily obliged for a brief interaction, much to the discontent of her security offi cials. A Congress general secretary, she said her chief assignment is to build the party in Uttar Pradesh rather than enter electoral politics.

"I think the UDF is doing well and we will come back to power. I have been saying in all my campaign speeches that we should be talking about issues that really matter — development, jobs, economy and healthcare. I hope the people will respond to this when the LDF government has worked against it," Priyanka said. On the prospect of her entering electoral politics, she quipped, "In another election, I suppose. But not yet (laughing)."

Before getting into her car on the way to the airport, Priyanka added, "My job at the moment is to build the organisation in Uttar Pradesh. I am doing that job there which I am thoroughly enjoying."

She will be attending a road show on Saturday evening in Nemom, Kazhakootam and Vattiyoorkavu constituencies while returning from campaigning in Sriperumbudur where her father Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated.

On Tuesday, a section of the Congress' state and Thiruvananthapuram district leaders were on their toes when Priyanka arrived for a whirlwind campaign at Venjaramoodu, Kattakada and the coastal areas of the district lest they fail to keep pace with her on a sweltering day.

Such has been her passion in addressing and meeting people, especially those coming from the marginalised sections of society.

During the public meeting at Venjaramoodu, Priyanka did not forget to congratulate and garland Chirayinkeezhu (reservation seat) Congress candidate B S Anoop's aged mother when she caught her attention on the dais. On Tuesday night, after reaching her hotel room at 10.30pm, she was heard asking her secretary about the next day's schedule.

People's verdict will prove opinion polls false: EPS, OPS

Chennai: Decrying the opinion polls that are being released about the possible outcome of the ensuing Assembly elections, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam on Wednesday asserted that the AIADMK would register a massive win since "people's verdict will prove the opinion polls wrong and faulty".

Freebies making people lazy: Madras HC

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POLITICAL parties are draining the State's coffers and making people lazy by giving them freebies, observed the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court on Wednesday. The court also asked why not make the political parties deposit 10 per cent of the expenditure required for executing their promises as soon as they assume power, and why not the Election Commission of India (ECI) monitor whether the promises are being fulfilled within the party's tenure.

Justices N Kirubakaran and B Pugalendhi observed that the election manifestos attained popularity only in the past two decades, as political parties have started competing with each other offering freebies in various forms and kinds, promising better development, social upliftment and comfortable life to voters if they are voted to power. "Whether the development is achieved or not, the freebies have only created or are inculcating laziness among the people, shattering work culture of the State," they remarked.

The judges opined that it is not as if offering of money or gifts by candidates alone is corrupt practice. "Political parties, in a wholesale manner, promising freebies to the people to lure them to vote for their respective party can also be construed as corrupt practice," the judges said. Recalling a 2013 Supreme Court judgment, in which the ECI was directed to frame guidelines governing the contents of election manifestos and had also voiced the need for a separate legislation in that regard, the judges noted that no legislation has been passed even after eight years since the judgment.

They therefore, posed a set of 20 queries to the Central government and the ECI, which included steps taken by the Centre to bring in such a legislation, among others.

NAL rolls out Hansa aircraft

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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CSIR National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) on Wednesday rolled out its Hansa-NG (next generation) aircraft at its Belur campus. Shekar C Mande, DG CSIR, held the ceremonial rollout with Chairman and Managing Director, HAL, R Madhavan.

Hansa-NG is the third variation after Hansa and Hansa 3. While the airworthiness of individual components that will be integrated into the aircraft have been tested, an official from NAL told *TNIE* that they are yet to get the Delta Certificate for the entire aircraft. This is expected by September.

G Rajasekar, joint-DG, DGCA, said the aircraft has to begin flight tests and the findings will be sent to DGCA, following which it will be certified. Senior principal scientist and head of Business Development R Venkatesh told TNIE that there are 32 letters of intent for Hansa-NG, with 27 from flying schools across the country, and five are from Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), Fursatganj, Amethi.

IGRUA also signed an MoU with CSIR-NAL as a launch customer of Hansa-NG for pilot training. They will pick up the first five aircraft, said Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Amber Dubey.

Krishnendu Gupta, Director, IGRUA, told TNIE that the MoU is a gesture of interest and is not binding on the academy. If found useful after the test flights, the academy will carry out training using Hansa-NG. It will also be cheaper to operate.

The two-seater Hansa NG aircraft was rolled out by CSIR-NAL in Bengaluru on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

NAL names design centre after Roddam

Bengaluru: The Centre for Civil Aircraft Design and Development (C-CADD) at Bengaluru's National Aerospace Laboratories, renamed Roddam Narasimha Civil Aircraft Centre (RN-CAC) after the renowned Indian aerospace scientist, was inaugurated on Wednesday. Narasimha passed away on December 14, 2020. ENS

A LOSS AND A GAIN

Cyberabad Commissioner of Police V C Sajjanar pays his last respects to ASI Mahipal Reddy in Hyderabad on Wednesday. In a noble gesture, the policeman's family donated eight of his vital organs to those who need them | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

TTD demands apology from ex-MLA

Tirupati: TTD strongly condemned the baseless allegations made by former MLA Bandaru Satyanarayana Murthy against the TTD Board, EO and Additional EO on social media. It also expressed strong objection to the former MLA alleging motives to Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy though he has no link to the seizure of human hair. The TTD told the ex-MLA not to sling mud on the TTD Board without ascertaining the facts. The TTD said that such baseless allegations with political motives are hurting the sentiments of devotees. ENS

Advise CM to adhere to rules: Minister to Guv

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"AGAIN, he sanctioned another bunch of works to the tune of ₹460 crore and put pressure on Principal Secretary to issue orders without the approval of the minister," Eshwarappa alleged. Pointing out that he has stayed all these orders, Eshwarappa urged the Governor to advise Yediyurappa to adhere to rules and "adopt a policy of non-interference in the discharge of constitutional responsibilities by cabinet colleagues". He added that he has brought the lapses to the attention of senior BJP leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Karnataka In-charge General Secretary Arun Singh.

"The contention is arbitrary approval of funds, without logic or consultation with ministers. Favouritism and bias will tick anyone off. The issue has been brought to the notice of party higher-ups. This is a complaint that has been raised by many ministers, but Eshwarappa has officially written about it," said a BJP national functionary.

Sources close to the CM said he was surprised with Eshwarappa's scathing letter, but had chosen not to react to it yet. Yediyurappa is expected to take up the matter with the party's central leadership once the scheduled bye-elections to two Assembly and one Parliamentary seats are completed.

Yediyurappa, it is said, believes that Eshwarappa's letter is a fallout of the MLAs' meet he held at his residence soon after the legislative session concluded earlier in March.

"The CM sanctioned funds for development activities since there were discrepancies in fund distribution earlier. Some MLAs complained to the CM that funds were not being released to their constituencies even after he had sanctioned it. Eshwarappa seems to have written this letter anticipating trouble for stalling release of funds to MLAs," said a source close to the CM.

Couple moved to New Zealand in 2006

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THE funerals of Elsie and Herman were held on Wednesday morning.

A relative in Mangaluru said, "Both Elsie and Herman hail from Mangaluru. Elsie's father Edward Amanna was an Elder and Sunday school teacher at Shanthi Cathedral, Balmatta. When the Balmatta congregation was bifurcated into Mercara Hill and Gorigudde congregations, Amanna became an Elder at Mercara Hill Church,

(From left) Herman, Sheal and Elsie

where our grandfather J D Soans, was the senior-most Elder. Hence, Amanna used to visit our grandfather often."

"When they got married, Herman was a school administrator in Mumbai, while Elsie had a job with a leading private company. They attended Basel Mission Church at Vikhroli. They decided to emigrate to New Zealand in 2006 when their only son was quite young, hoping to give Sheal a better education and also get better employment themselves. Their son was good at studies," the relative added.

In New Zealand, Herman went on to work for a healthcare firm, while Elsie took up a job at Auckland University.

Summits helped amplify my voice: Teen

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YASHMI visited Kodagu and shot some beautiful pictures and videos of River Cauvery. With a Kodava song playing in the background, she highlighted the sorry state of the river today, which has been polluted. The video then goes on highlight the efforts of youngsters in reviving the river and the documentary ends with a strong message 'Let us heal her (River Cauvery) and not fix her'.

"I have heard my mother explain the beauty of Kodagu during her childhood times. The district witnessed heavy rainfall then too. However, it is only now that incessant rainfall is causing destruction and damage. The summits I attended helped amplify my voice," she said.

The daughter of Manavattira Kushalappa and Nalini, Yashmi looks forward to strengthen the Youth Advisory Council in the country.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed by my client, has lost the original sale deed dated 29.06.1965 vide registration No.1045/1965-66 pertaining to property bearing CITB Vacant Site No. 531, situated at 7th Main Road, Palace Upper Orchard, Sadashivanagar, Ward No.99, Bangalore-560080, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 1350 square feet near Rajajinagar while returning from Xerox Shop. If any person/s has the custody of the same or has found it, they are hereby informed to approach the undersigned within 7 days from the date of issue of this notice. In which event they will be suitably rewarded.

S. KIRAN KUMAR, Advocate
White House, No.2, 10th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560079. Phone: 9686058585, Email: kumarkiran737@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our client **MR. S. JOSEPH**, S/o Saveer D'souza, Aged About 66 years, No.19, 4th Cross, Gopalappa Layout, KHB Main Road, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore 560032 is the owner of Schedule property herein and Our client has purchased the same through a Registered Sale deed Vide Document No BNG (U) BNT 9108/1999-2000, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru dated 07-12-1999. However, our client has lost the above said original sale deed while travelling. For the same, he has filed complaint before R.T. Nagar Police Station on 29-03-2021. Accordingly, it is informed to the general public not to deal with the said property in any manner. If any person deals with the said lost documents concerning the Schedule Property against the interest of our client, they shall be prosecuted as per law and our client shall not be responsible to any kind of transactions relating to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No. 25/2 and 26/1,** previously situated at **Kavalabyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** now assigned as Corporation No. 6, presently situated at **1st Cross, 7th C Main Road, Nandagokula Layout, Shampura Main Road, Bengaluru**. Vide PID No.95-139-6. Measuring **East to West:** 40 Feet and **North to South:** 30 Feet bounded as follows:

East by : Property No. 25/1,
West by : Property No. 26/2
North by : Property No. 25,
South by : 30 feet Road,

SHAKEEL AHMED, Advocate
No 14, 1st Floor, Near Post Office, R.T. Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru-32
M : 98453718000
Place : Bengaluru Date : 31-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my client **Sri. Santosh Kumar Agarwala,** S/o Sri. Sukhdeo Prasad Agarwala. had lost the below Original Documents,

1). Unregistered Construction Agreement Dated 24/09/2005, executed by Akme Projects Ltd. in favour of Mr. Ashish Verma & Tushima Rajvamshi. **2).** Unregistered Sale Agreement dated 24/09/2005, executed by M/s.Ferns Builders & M/s. Akme Projects Ltd. in favour of Mr. Ashish Verma & Tushima Rajvamshi. **3).** Unregistered Special Power of Attorney dated 07/07/2009, executed by Mr. Ashish Verma & Tushima Rajvamshi. In favour of Mr. Sunil Kumar Verma. **4).** Unregistered original sale agreement dated 03/09/2009 executed by Ashish Verma & Tushima Rajvamshi, in favour of Mr Ishwar Agarwal, Rohini Agarwal, Santosh Agarwal & Kusum Agrwal. **5).** Unregistered original Special power of attorney, executed by Mr. Santosh Agarwal. In favour of Mrs. Kusum Agrwal.

In respect of bearing Flat No. wing A-504, AKME BALLET, Situated at Doddanekkundi Village, Bangalore. On 20/03/2021 when he was on the way to xerox his original documents at mahadevapura he lost it on the way, The same reported before the jurisdictional Police vide E-lost Complaint No.084689/2021, Dated 27/03/2021 & No.086775/2021 Dated 30/03/2021. If anybody found this documents please contact this No.9831001130 or inform Crime Branch Bangalore City Police.

SRIKANTH B.G, Advocate
Office at. #152, 1st Cross, Swathantranagar, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049.

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LOST OF DOCUMENT

I, **Mr.JAVEED KHALEEL,** S/o.A.J Khaleel, have lost / Mis-placed Original Document No.7395/97-98, Book I, Dated-28/04/98, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of Property No.185, VP Katha No.672, Situated at **Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore** and I have lodge a Police Complain at Basavanagudi Police Station, if found please contact No.9740007914.

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Superintending Engineer, Southern Irrigation Circle-I, Berhampur.
A-724 e-Procurement Notice No. SE, SIC — 12/2020-21

1. Type of Work :- Drainage Improvement work.
2. Total No of Works :- 01 (One) No.
3. Amount put to tender : - Rs 351.93 lakh
4. Period of completion :- 11 (Eleven) calendar months

Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Superintending Engineer,Southern Irrigation Circle-I,BAM	SE,SIC,(BNID)-25/ 2020-21	351.93	From 07.04.2021, 10.00 A.M. to 22.04.2021, 5.00 P.M

Date of opening of the Technical Bid:- **23.04.2020 at 11.30 A.M.**
Further detail can be seen from the Govt. website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Southern Irrigation Circle-I, Berhampur. OIPR-32061/11/0011/2021

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mrs. Sunitha S, Mr. Surendra Poojari S, (Prospect No. **879909**)	**25-March-2021** **Rs. 51,74,491/-**(Rupees Fifty One Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety One Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : **Site No 681, 1st Block, admeasuring 108 sq. mt., Anjanapura Layout, Banglore, 560062, Karnataka, India**
Mr. Suresh Babu C, Mrs. Jayamma, Mrs. K Krishnaveni, Karthikeya Enterprises, Mr. R Chengalarayappa (Prospect No.**905703, 907952,934093**)	**25-March-2021 Prospect No.905703 Rs.23,20,743/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Only) **Prospect No.907952 Rs. 18,97,605/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Five Only) **Prospect No.934093 Rs. 7,80,615/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : **Site No.11/12, Katha No.117, admeasuring 1143.75 sq. ft., New CMC Katha No.114, Property No.117, Situated At Ward No.13, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore, 560049, Karnataka, India**

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act. and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:-** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/Or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV Gurugram,Haryana.
Place: Bangalore Date: 01-04-2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer For IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL)**

e-mail: sephcbhpt3@gmail.com
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCLE, BHAWANIPATNA
Parmanandpur, Railway Station Road, Bhawanipatna, Dist: Kalahandi, PIN -766001
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Identification No. SEPHC-BHPT– 03 of 2020-21/ Dt. 19.03.2021
C-790
e-Procurement Notice

Name of the Work	Different PH Works under PH Circle, Bhawanipatna.
Total No. Of works	05 (Five)
Estimated Cost	Approx. Rs 292.00 Lakh-184.00 Lakh
Class of Contactor	B & A Class
Period of Completion	6-9 Calendar Months

Procurement Officer.	Bid Identification No.	No. of works	Availability of Tender Online for Bidding		Date & time of opening of Bid
			From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Bhawanipatna	SEPHC-BHPT–03 of 2020-21	05 (Five)	05.04.2021	19.04.2021	20.04.2021

For details can be seen from the Government **website www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
Sd/- 19.03.2021
Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Bhawanipatna OIPR-13055/11/0003/2021

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No: CCB/ENG/ELE/LED/196/2018-19[20-21) Date: 31-03-2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited by the Commissioner, Ballari City Corporation, Ballari from the registered Agencies/ firms as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-2001 & registered company/ consultancy firms under companies Act 1956 & Latest amendments thereafter through e-procurement, Government of Karnataka **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for Appointment of **CONCESSIONAIRE** for implementation and mainten ance of led street lights and centralized control & monitoring system through Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Ballari city corporation limit Ballari.

(1) Indent No: **CCB/ENG/ELE /LED/Con Sel/196/2018-19/20-21** **(2)** Name of Work: **Implementation of Energy Efficiency Project for streetlights by replacement of existing conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in Ballari City Corporation through PPP mode (3)** EMD Amount (In Rupees): **As per Bid Document (4)** Project Period: **8 months (Including monsoon period) and operation and Maintenance for seven years.**

(1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **03-04-2021 (2)** Pre Bid Meeting on **20-04-2021** at **15.30 PM,** Commissioner Chamber, Ballari City Corporation, Ballari (3) Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal on or before **17.00** hours on **18-05-2021 (4)** Opening of Technical Bid on **21-05-2021 by 11.00 AM hours (5)** Opening of Financial Bid on **31.05.2021 by 11.00AM hours.**

For further details contact: **08392-273479, 273474 and**
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Science is not formal logic. It needs the free play of the mind in as great a degree as any other creative art

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— Ramnath Goenka

A THUMPING WIN FOR TATAS BUT MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN

In a recent judgment, the Supreme Court upheld the Tata Sons board's decision removing Cyrus Mistry as executive chairman of the company in October 2016. In a thumping decision in favour of the Tatas, the apex court also dismissed petitions against the group alleging oppression of minority rights and mismanagement. The judgment has finally brought down the curtains on a no-holds barred firefight that has gripped corporate India over the last four years. The removal of Cyrus Mistry, the first non-Tata executive chairman of the company, led to a ding-dong battle. The National Company Law Tribunal in March 2017 first ruled in favour of the Tata Group, but that was reversed by the Appellate Tribunal that ordered Mistry be reinstated.

The SC has now restored the status quo ante. On his part, Mistry has come out with an emotional statement that he was 'disappointed' with the judgment, but that he tried his best to "enable the directors on various Boards to discharge their fiduciary duties without fear or favour ..." What will continue to be disputed in coming weeks and months is the Mistry family's disengagement and exit from Tata Sons. And exit they have to, as despite their 18.5% holding, the Mistrys have lost all hold in management. Exiting means defining the valuation of shares and the apex court has refused to oblige.

On a broader level, the judgment will impact the rights of minority shareholders. In this case, the SC held that being minority shareholders did not give the Mistry family automatic representation on the board of Tata Sons in proportion to their shareholding. Though such protection is envisaged for small shareholders in the Companies Act, 2013, the Mistrys are not 'small shareholders' and therefore cannot claim statutory protection. Going forward, minority shareholders will have to write in contractual terms with the majority to ensure representation and safeguard their rights. At another level, many Tata decisions like the acquisition of Corus Steel or the failed Nano car project were questioned by Mistry. The credibility of the group built over decades was dented and it may take some time to earn it back.

BID TO STAMP OUT OPPOSITION IN T'GANA

For the ruling TRS in Telangana, the by-election for the Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly seat is another opportunity to change the political discourse about the BJP emerging as a doughty contender for power in the state for the next Assembly elections in 2023. The BJP's win in the Dubbaka bypoll and its gains in the GHMC elections had led to the narrative that the TRS was on a downhill journey. The Telangana ruling party, which sensed the change in people's perception, got its act together, and took sweet revenge on the BJP by defeating its incumbent MLC in the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar graduates' constituency and by cutting down to size the saffron party's candidate in Warangal-Nalgonda-Khammam. Now that the bypoll for Nagarjuna Sagar has arrived, the TRS does not want the BJP even to entertain hopes of putting up a good show, leave alone winning it. That is the reason why KCR is welcoming with his arms wide open BJP leaders who could not get party nomination, like Anjaiah Yadav, for whom a red carpet was rolled out at the CM's farm house. The BJP has positioned a little-known tribal doctor P Ravi Kumar Naik to fight it out with TRS and the Congress. The saffron party does not have great hopes as it has very little presence in the constituency.

KCR, a Machiavellian strategist himself, is always careful not to miss the woods for the trees. He knows that if he takes his eyes off Nagarjuna Sagar, the Congress, which is fielding seven-time MLA and former minister K Jana Reddy—who in fact is bigger than the party itself—might walk away with the cake. As KCR does not want a lame-duck Congress to acquire new strength, he nominated Nomula Bhagat, son of the incumbent TRS MLA, the late Nomula Narasimhaiah, who belongs to the Yadava community that is numerically strong in the constituency. He expects the sympathy factor to work in favour of Bhagat apart from pulling out all stops to ensure victory for him so that no green shouts sprout in the grand old party.

Throughout history, changing patterns of female attire mark the freedom that women started to claim in society. It is a trend that hasn't stopped till date

DRESSES AND THEIR ROLE IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

JAWHAR SIRCAR

Retired civil servant. Former Culture Secretary and ex-CEO, Prasar Bharati

AMIT BANDRE

We will not dwell upon the recent comment made by the new chief minister of Uttarakhand on women wearing ripped jeans. He obviously spoke for certain sections that are yet to come to terms with the newer dress preferences of Indian women. We will not even discuss individual tastes and freedoms here, because history is really not bothered about our opinions. It moves relentlessly on its own as mankind creates more mindless catastrophes, tackles newer problems and also factors in astonishing inventions and technological shifts within its steadier value systems. Almost each creation, natural or man-made, has some role to play or else it would not exist. Let us go through a few examples of how lesser-noticed inventions and technologies often led to the consequential adaptations and alterations of the female attire, even as they drew more strength from them. These 'little histories' are usually smothered by more dominating events like the suffragette movement, legal rights and remedies, landmark judgments and the battles for economic independence.

In India, the stitched garment was really popularised after Muslim rule was established in the 13th century. Though the needle was known, flowing unstitched clothes were the norm in India. After the practical advantages of the stitched salwar and pyjama were appreciated, they were adopted by people in the Northwest and the northern parts. The salwar-kameez, however, spread to most corners of India in modern times. It is quite a decent alternative to the sari. As education and job opportunities for women opened up, its functionality became an important factor in its popularity among students, working women and as attire for travel.

Let us now travel to the West, where the 1880s was rocked by the recently invented bicycle. Within a decade, women took to it and the crossbar or top-tube had to be lowered considerably to permit them to pedal along in their swishing gowns. It was surely the first major breakthrough in women's mobility and they could finally ride something and travel unescorted. The cycle's skirt guards covered the moving cycle-chains so that hemlines did not get entangled, but more and more women realised that corsets and gowns must go. This is when a few bold women started wearing shorter skirts and introduced pyjama-type leggings called 'bloomers'. They cycled around conveniently, but as expected, society was shocked.

India imported its first 35,000 bicycles for men in 1910 but the demand kept soaring more and more. The early talkie films considered it very romantic for a woman to be seated on the cycle's crossbar, between the two extended arms of a man holding the handlebar and cycling quite merrily. Soon after Independence, Indian companies like BSA, Atlas, Avon, Raleigh, TI and Hero produced cycles in plenty. Models like the 'Ladybird' were to cater to the new Indian woman who was not willing to be taken for a ride all the time. Though the ladies' cycles permitted sari-clad women to drive them, it became clear that

In the West, patriarchy kept discouraging women from wearing pants and countries like the US and France actually had laws enforcing the ban. But when women's participation was needed during the two World Wars, Western nations had no option but to accept women in pants

legging dresses like the salwar offered better control.

In the West, patriarchy kept discouraging women from wearing pants and countries like the US and France actually had laws enforcing the ban. But when women's participation was needed during the two World Wars, Western nations had no option but to accept women in pants. But it was still not a 'feminine' dress. By the 1960s, some women started rebelling and began wearing pants in public. Fashion historian Lisa Santandrea, however, feels that it was really a decade later "that pants become a symbol of freedom that women hadn't had before". In 1934, jeans maker Levi Strauss had introduced its Lady Levi's jeans to better fit the female form, but these were worn within the family and with peers. The post-war hippie generation brought it out as a public statement of freedom, but society in India was not ready. Indians were charmed to see movies where young women in tight salwars and body-hugging kameez cycled together singing or were chased around trees by heroes.

By the time well-educated middle class girls went out to work in large numbers, several inventions had lined up to help them. The huge tin trunks were discarded by the 1970s, and even leather and other suitcases that had replaced them were swept away by lighter ones of polyester. Women could lift the lighter polycarbonate and styrene ones to luggage racks in trains and planes. In the 90s, wheeled strolleys arrived—which meant no help was required to roll along one's luggage. Then, in the 21st century, light backpacks were reinvented with comfortable padded straps and better design. Women could easily sling them on their backs, freeing both their arms. These backpacks were certainly more commodious than ladies handbags, fashionable or otherwise. It was clear that saris were rather difficult to manoeuvre when one travelled in public transport with backpacks or had to traverse long distances. This is when jeans and leggings joined the salwar-kameez in liberating women and enforcing gender equality, not just talking about it.

We need not grudge it if the young feel that wearing frayed or ripped jeans seals their camaraderie and oneness with the global youth. After all, they have to work together to mend the world we have messed up and will leave behind.

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AICTE'S CURTAIN RAISER TO A SMOKE SCREEN

S VAIDHYASUBRAMANIAM

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When the winds of change blow hard, the best build windmills while the rest build shelters. With the Covidian wind blowing very hard, top engineering schools in North America like Stanford or Cornell waived the mandatory ACT or SAT scores. They still managed to attract some of the best minds to pursue engineering degree programmes at the undergraduate level. Can we think of such a sweeping policy decision to make JEE (Advanced) optional? Definitely not, as there are policy firewalls sheltering the JEE(Advanced) to prove a non-existent hyper-competency amongst high school kids. Does that mean post-Covidian policymaking in undergraduate engineering admissions has not kick-started since the announcement of NEP 2020? The answer is NO.

The All India Council for Technical Education's (AICTE) recent move to make maths and physics optional subjects for engineering admissions at the undergraduate level is a windmill change. This policy response shall decelerate the humanoid race that schools are preparing their students for. Thanks to JEE (Advanced) and their likes, such children miss the skilling and immersive learning at high school levels that requires a fine blend of science, history, social studies, culture, etc. The absence of such a wholesome schooling is tellingly visible in the outcome of engineering graduates, who are sandwiched between a failed schooling and an aspirational industry. AICTE's decision must be seen in the light of the NEP's path-breaking school education reforms, which have provided the much needed multi-disciplinary approach through the 5+3+3+4 modularity. With such a progressive school reform in the anvil, global experience has shown that higher educational institutions adapting to such reforms in school education have managed to attract quality students piercing the regimental policy armoury. AICTE's recent policy is aligned with such global adaptation and requires structural adjustments. Let us see how.

The Mecca of engineering education, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), accepts General Educational Development Test (GED) as equivalent to high school passing. So do Columbia, New York, Michigan, Penn State and other leading universities in North America. Cornell Engineering School requires maths and physics but at optimal measure—four and one units respectively prior to high school graduation (one unit is one year). In fact, MIT requires only one unit of physics, chemistry, biology and maths at school level. That requirement is also recommendative and not mandatory (learning for the IITs)! Many renowned engineering schools globally ensure basic math that covers algebra, geometry, trigonometry and introductory calculus. Even GED covers only these and other concepts of sciences, social studies and reasoning. On one hand, we have students satisfying these requirements joining premier engineering schools and graduating with flying colours and on the other, students with mathematics running in their school curriculum upto Class XII are still failing in maths in their first semester of engineering course. This anomaly needs to be addressed.

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Many progressive foreign universities use the Art of Problem Solving (AoPS) as a bridging mechanism that provides college-level exposure to intermediate and advanced maths to make good the high school math-deficit. Similar varieties of AoPS like Stanford's EPGY, Johns Hopkins CTY Online, VHS or Khan Academy are available to cater to the appetite of high school graduates and first-year college students to make good their perceived loss. On the contrary, bundling Olympiad-level maths into our high school ecosystem creates exam-cracking than concept-loving kids. Various cognitive neuropsychological studies have clearly demonstrated the success of learning methodologies that are multi-disciplinary and concept-driven than exam-driven. AICTE's recent decision addresses this important feature that provides a platform for students to feast on a buffet of choices at the Class IX-XII level and make good their deficit on maths and physics through desi varieties of AoPS. As an abundant caution, maths and physics must be made compulsory till Class X. The long time gap between Class XII results and engineering college admission may be utilised well to complete such bridge/curative courses in maths and physics that may run up to the first semester of the college year. Such courses can be offered in phygital modes to make these specially endowed students 'engineering study ready'. Care must also be taken to ensure that high school teaching concentrates on applicative maths and physics while teaching other subjects in higher secondary level to reinforce quantitative and scientific temper.

AICTE's maths-physics optional decision may have rattled the stereotypes (I was also rattled) but has in it the disruptive potential to change the status quo. It may also raise questions on the validity of engineering degrees already issued by universities that admitted students without maths in Class XII. AICTE cannot retrospectively make them valid but the Supreme Court's decision in the Orissa Lift case provides them a solution pathway.

On this 'April Fool's' day, we need to wake up to the global realities and respond to the 'May Day May Day' signal in the troubled waters of higher education and see the picturesque global education landscape through the curtains hitherto blinded by artificial smoke screens. AICTE's recent policy is a curtain raiser to the smoke screen.

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Follow protocol strictly

It is discomforting to read about the second wave of Covid-19 rising fast in many parts of India. It will be prudent on the part of the health authorities and both the Central and state governments to impose a strict advisory about following Covid protocol, especially during campaigning and polling in this election season. Prevention is better than cure.

Srinivasan B, Chennai

Heavy price of callousness

What is more astounding than the rapid escalation of the pandemic is the increasing taken-for-granted attitude among people towards preventive norms. They say familiarity breeds contempt, but it is us who will have to pay a heavy price for this callousness.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Mostly blame games now

Electioneering and campaigning have undergone dramatic changes in recent times. Vilification, mudslinging, personal barbs, etc., have become the lexicon of political campaigning. Political meetings earlier had a touch of fun and laughter. But now, it is mostly fault-finding and blame games.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Fall from grace

Electioneering in yesteryears used to be dignified, focusing on policies and principles of the party. But nowadays, campaigns have descended to new lows like personal attacks, character assassinations and misogyny. What a fall from grace our politics has had! In the pursuit of power, parties seem to have lost human morals.

V S Raman, Thanjavur

Most precious asset

This is with reference to *The world's new super-currency waits for no man* (Mar 31). The article rightly emphasises the importance of time. It is our most precious asset, but it is constantly melting away. Modern technology saves us a lot of time, but sadly, new forms of entertainment gobble up all of that.

Ibrahim Rasoolmohideen, Hyderabad

Ambedkar & Constitution

This is with reference to *The democratic nationalism of India* (Mar 31). Far-sighted visionary B R Ambedkar had been quite assertive about the non-inclusion of terms like socialism and secularism in the Preamble of our Constitution. People have already been hoodwinked in the names of these terms for over six decades.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Exploiting loopholes

This is with reference to *Clever freebie moves and unfair poll edge* (Mar 31). The model code of conduct for polls demands parties make fair promises. But the Election Commission is unable to implement this properly as leaders are smartly exploiting loopholes. Kerala is a good example of this. The EC has had to keep quiet despite the LDF implementing freebies just before polling dates.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Fairness is the exception

All is fair in love and war, and it seems to be so in politics as well. In politics, fairness is the exception rather than the norm. It is for the people to see through the games that the ruling LDF is playing with the freebies.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Giving leverage to critics

It is shocking to read about the Sunni Yuvajana Sangham general secretary's words that Muslims who skip namaz should be killed. Such statements give leverage to the critics of Islam, though the Quran states that there is no compulsion in religion.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Duplicity of the govt

The DGCA notice to impose spot fines on passengers at airports if they don't follow Covid protocol is welcome, yet it shows the duplicity of the government in handling the virus once again. Though political fervour preceding elections and festival celebrations unmindful of safety norms are in full force across India, airports are being targeted to control the spread of the pandemic.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

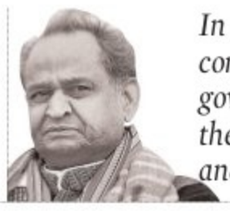
Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
When CM is made aware of the status with statistics, he gets enraged. While he talks about action against corrupt officials, he guards corrupt babus

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
So proud that 50% of our candidates in Kerala are between the age of 20 and 40. Combined with the wisdom of our senior leadership, they make a formidable force

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
Now the question remains how will a retired judge without power enquire against a sitting Home Minister Red question mark ornament

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Who is responsible for infiltration in Bengal? Is it BSF or state police? I would say Amit Shah and DG of BSF should step down as they are not successful in handling the issue —Abhishek Banerjee, TMC



In West Bengal, BJP will not be able to come to power and Congress will form the government in Assam. The results of these two states will give a jerk to the BJP and its fascist ideology —Ashok Gehlot, Congress

High polling percentage shows people are yearning for change. Mamata Banerjee is worried as the elections were peaceful and TMC goons could not have a field day —JP Nadda, BJP

No remote control govt, Cong's 6th promise for Assam

Rahul says no interference from New Delhi if alliance comes to power, Shah accuses grand old party of dividing people on religious lines

Rahul Gandhi at an election rally in Assam's Nalbari district on Wednesday | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ANNOUNCING the Congress's sixth 'guarantee' for poll-bound Assam on Wednesday, Rahul Gandhi said the grand alliance would 'run Assam from Assam itself' if voted to power, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah accused the grand old party of dividing people in the name of religion.

"The Congress has already announced five guarantees. Today, I give you the sixth guarantee. We will run Assam from Assam itself, if the alliance is voted to power," Gandhi told at a rally at Barkhetri in Assam.

He assured there would be no interference from New Delhi on the functioning of the Congress-led, 10-party alliance government. A component of the alliance is All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), which has already said it would back a Congress chief minister if the coalition grabs power.

The Congress's five previous guarantees were 'nullifying' the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in Assam, providing five lakh government jobs over a period of five years, up to 200 units of free electricity per household, raising tea garden workers' daily wage to ₹365 from the existing ₹167 and ₹2,000 monthly income support to all housewives.

Reiterating the party's stand against CAA, Gandhi said: "People don't want CAA, which is an attack on Assam. It will divide and destroy the state and spread hatred. No power on earth can implement CAA in Assam".

He also asserted that the Congress keeps its promises unlike the BJP, stating that the grand old party has a track record of fulfilling promises after winning elections.

Addressing a rally in Kamrup, Shah accused the Congress of making people fight in the name of religion and community. "When we make provision for drinking water, it will also reach the houses of Muslims. Similarly, minorities will get houses when we provide them to everyone," Shah said.

Taking a jibe at the AIUDF, he reiterated that BJP would not allow Assam to become a hub for infiltrators. The AIUDF is viewed by the BJP and right wing organisations as a sympathiser of illegal immigrants.

BJP writes to EC against Mamata

Kolkata: Accusing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of threatening its supporters with unspecified action once paramilitary forces leave the state after Assembly polls, BJP has registered a complaint with the Election Commission over her comments. To back up its claim, the letter mentioned a video of a meeting addressed by Mamata on March 29. "She said central forces will go, but she will stay. Who will then save her rivals," the letter mentioned.

Cash complaint against BJP MLA

Guwahati: The Assam Jatiya Parishad on Wednesday complained to the Chief Electoral Officer against sitting BJP MLA and Morigain candidate Rama Kanta Dewri for allegedly distributing money. The newly floated party enclosed a video, which has gone viral showing Dewri of handing over money to some women. The complaint said the BJP MLA is "seen to have distributed money in cash amongst a crowd predominantly consisted of women".

Section 144 in Nandigram

Nandigram (WB): The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC in the Nandigram, a day ahead of the high-profile contest between Mamata Banerjee and Subendu Adhikari. The ECI has also started air surveillance in the area with the help of a helicopter. People who are not voters of Nandigram are not allowed to enter the constituency in view of the sensitivity, said an ECI official.

BJP roadshow in West Bengal's Howrah district on Wednsday | PTI

Assam breaks seizure record

Guwahati: Assam broke all previous records in seizures of cash, liquor, drug and other goods, with several agencies confiscating items worth over `110 crore, Chief Electoral Officer of Assam Nitin Khade said. During 2016 polls, Central and state agencies had seized goods worth less than `20 crore. "Cash and other valuables worth `110.83 crore have been seized till date after the model code of conduct came into play," Khade told the media on Wednesday.

Old stories form part of new narrative

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"WHAT did you see there? Tell us, please. You can pay me later!" Dulal Basak, with that incredulous look on his face, could be the face of the rest of Bengal. He has that look of having accidentally met an astronaut just back from the moon.

Myths abound. That the Adhikaris virtually own Nandigram. That Didi is liberating it the second time over. Or just the opposite: that TMC atrocities have touched such heights that only the BJP can save the people. Nandigram, seven year since the violence against that old farmland acquisition felled even a Left government, is back haunting public memory.

For all the contrary feelings that thought may evoke, it's also influencing voting decisions across districts. Perhaps not even the voter knows where her finger may pass, such are the sentiments here. It's rich political drama.

Even the long-forgotten Laxman Seth, the erstwhile CPI-M MLA, the villain of the piece in 2007, under whose watch the police firing took place in which over a dozen got killed in 2007, the man you could arguably blame for the Left's near-comatose state in India...even he has come out of the woodwork. And he's not even contesting, but that's half the story.

Now, Laxman Seth was called a '*harmand*' (goon) those days, maybe not without reason. And he was not heard of after a failed attempt to revive his political career in 2019, when he contested the Tamluk parliamentary seat on a Congress ticket. Congress? Yes. The CPI-M had expelled him in 2014, and he had then joined the BJP, before his compass shifted again. Tamluk is his old fort, the place where he'd defeated Sisir Adhikari in 2004. No relation to Suvendu, you ask? Of course, he's the father, also old Congress stock, was MoS for rural development by the way under Manmohan Singh.

Why are these old stories important? Because they're part of the narrative in 2021. It's not so much party politics, as much as the underlying economic issues. Laxman Seth has been giving interviews. And been touching a chord with a rural Bengal that, contrarily, also wants industrialisation. A Bengal that doesn't want to go to Kerala and Bangalore just to have a job.

TMC supremo is mouthing inanities after seeing the poor turnout in her meetings and becoming certain that she will be defeated by a huge margin in Nandigram. She has been pursuing politics of appeasement all these years

Suvendu Adhikari, BJP

I made him (Adhikari) transport, environment, irrigation minister. Made his father chairman of Digha Development Authority, brother chairman of Haldia Development Authority. They betrayed as venomous traitors

Mamata Banerjee, TMC

"All political parties are the same. When they first come to power, they make promises of a better system, but later the same bad elements come to rule the roost," says Ranjit Das, a voter in Bolpur constituency in Birbhum. He cites the Nandigram trajectory and draws parallels with the local politics in his constituency.

This disillusionment is commonly heard in and around the Visva Bharati campus, perhaps even more keenly in the crafts markets adjacent to Santiniketan. The artisanal markets that dot the now burgeoning campus city may have only an ironic resemblance with things that Tagore said. The poet is mostly to be found caged in photo frames, sold at every street corner. He wanted the world to come to the country. In a way, the country wants the same.

The elections themselves are a local Mahabharata—a distraction, almost. Who has joined whom? That's the talk everywhere. The protagonists of Nandigram or the general trend of TMC MLAs and other sundry heavyweights switching camps, that's what everyone talks about. This is the place that gave India Mir Jafar.

If Purba Medinipur—of which Nandigram is one of the 16 Assembly constituencies—is seen as Adhikari turf, Birbhum's 11 Assembly constituencies are considered a stronghold of the TMC. If Suvendu, and his father Sisir in particular, have a deep hold over that neck of the woods, Birbhum is the playfield of TMC district in charge Anubrata Mandal, a local toughie.

The Adhikharis were perceived to be the last word in their bastion, while they were in TMC—Mamata allowed their writ to run. (It's just coincidental that they happen to be on the other side now.) But that federal approach is true about Birbhum too, they say. Whether in Rampur, Siuri or Santiniketan, the refrain is that "she's too indulgent of" Anubrata Mandal. In short, what the Adhikaris are or were to Nandigram, Mandal is to Birbhum. "Not a leaf moves without him raising his finger," they say.

Didi's allegation that it was the Adhikaris who got the "police in *chappals*" into Nandigram in 2007—and that's what led to the mayhem—finds odd resonance here. It's almost a mythological narrative that gets repeated everywhere. Facts? They belong to another planet. Myths have a self-sustaining life of their own. There are stories about how many got killed, about dead children filled into sacks, about truckloads of dead bodies hidden under vegetables. The mass hysteria around has been reignited, in different ways.

"Didi allows Anubrata to manage this outpost in the same way," quips a Visva Bharati lecturer, who would rather not be named. The current V-C here, Bidyut Chakrabarty, makes no secret of his support to the BJP and the Prime Minister. It's fairly overt. But there's tangible tension on the ground. It's often, but not necessarily party-related.

The young, for one, have no qualms at all. Deepak, a biotech student from the nearby Puralia, feels a "change" would be good for Bengal—it would bring industry and jobs. "We don't want to go out of the state to look for employment. Bengal should be an industrial leader again. We can't be doing artisanal work or cottage industry like our parents for all time. There's no future in small scale," he says. Maybe Mahatma Gandhi should have been alive to hear his idea of '*paribartan*'.

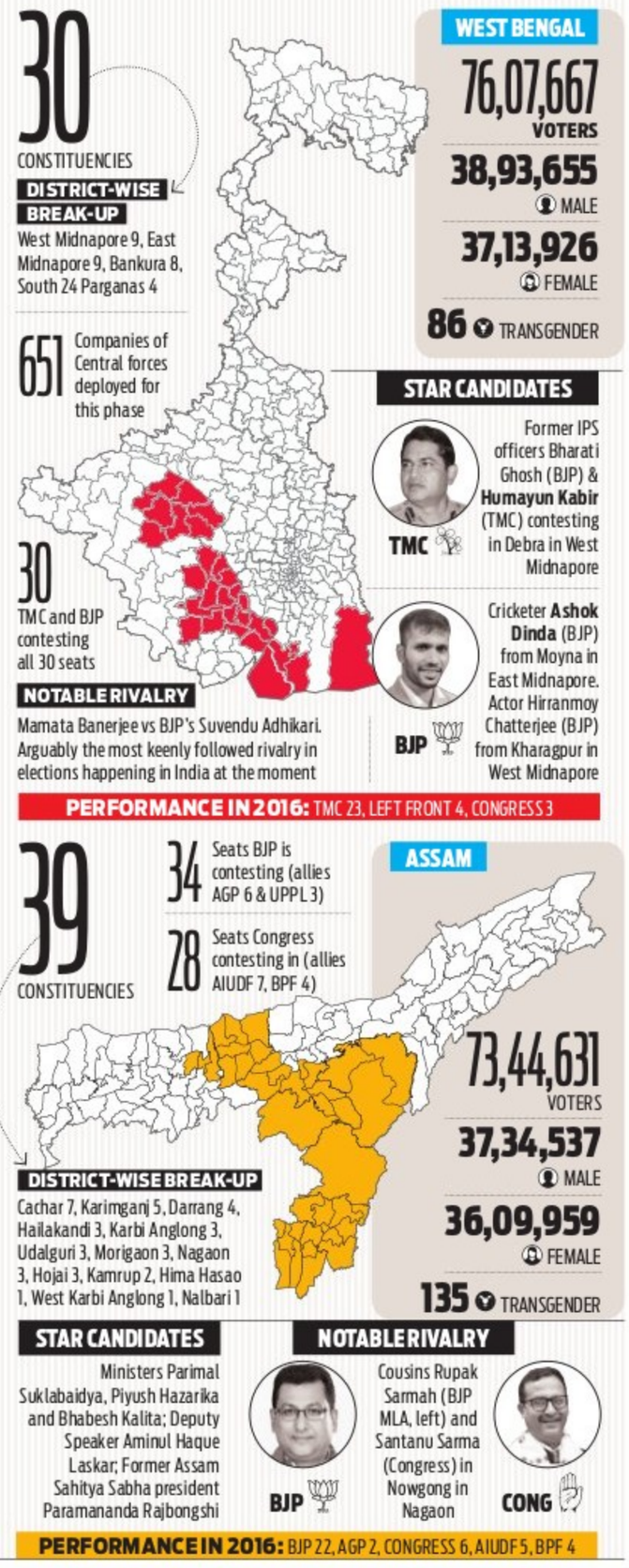
Birbhum is of course a TMC fortress, controlled by Mandal with an iron fist. Everyone agrees it's impregnable. But local street cred is not the only factor. The CAA is an issue here, and it gives the TMC a fillip. Both the Hindus who migrated from then East Bengal and the original Muslim settlers here cite the Assam NRC fiasco. "We may also be thrown out or our names may go missing! Most of us don't have old papers," says Subhas. It's not about religion here, as the national narrative goes, but about the precarity of life that all have faced equally.

The students at Kalabhavan still have a whiff of Left idealism, and have their own story to tell—one of resistance, and of standing to safeguard Bengal's cultural ethos. Anirban Ganguly, the BJP Bolpur candidate, rubbishes those as "wayward western thoughts". Tagore? Keep him to a side. "Our central leaders have closely studied culture and thought process," claims Ganguly.

That's where the aspirational middle class is, even if they're not big in numbers. One of them, an old neighbour of TMC's Anubrata Mandal, predicts that the BJP will get 4 out of 11 seats here, and three more after the elections are over! "*Khela hobe*," he quips.

BIG FIGHT AND OTHER BATTLES

The second phase of polling in West Bengal and Assam takes place on Thursday. A quick look at the key characters and figures...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TMC
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PERFORMANCE IN 2016: TMC 23, LEFT FRONT 4, CONGRESS 3
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ASSAM
73,44,631 VOTERS
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STAR CANDIDATES
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BJP
NOTABLE RIVALRY
Cousins Rupak Sarmah (BJP MLA, left) and Santanu Sarma (Congress) in Nowgong in Nagaon
CONG
PERFORMANCE IN 2016: BJP 22, AGP 2, CONGRESS 6, AIUDF 5, BPF 4

India slips in global gender gap survey; fewer women in work force & cabinet

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INDIA slipped 28 places among 156 countries and ranked 140th in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021. India is the third-worst performer in the region, having closed 62.5 per cent of its gap.

"Because of its large population, India's performance has a substantial impact on the region's overall performance. Home to 0.65 billion women, India has widened its gender gap from almost 66.8 per cent closed one year ago to 62.5 per cent this year," the report said.

Most of the decline occurred on the political empowerment subindex, where India has regressed 13.5 percentage points to reach a level of gap closed to date of 27.6 per cent. The main change is the significant decline in the share of women among ministers, which halved, from 23.1 per cent in 2019 to 9.1 per cent in 2021, the report pointed out.

In addition, the share of women in Parliament remained stagnant at 14.4 per cent and the share of the last 50 years in which a woman has been head of state was 15.5.

Among the drivers of this decline are a decrease in women's labour force participation rate, which fell from 24.8 per cent to 22.3 per cent. The share of women in professional and technical roles declined to 29.2 per cent, the report said.

The share of women in senior and managerial positions remained low — 14.6 per cent — and there are only 8.9 per cent of firms with female top managers. Women's estimated earned income was only one-fifth of men's.

EXPRESS READ

US report says India has human rights issues

New Delhi: A US State Department report has said India has many significant human rights issues including violations of religious freedom and freedom of expression and press. However, the *2020 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: India* notes that the Centre has taken steps to improve the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir post August 2019, including restoration of internet and release of political leaders. "The government continued taking steps to restore normalcy in J&K by gradually lifting some security and communications restrictions. The government released most political activists from detention," the report noted.

Expressway block, march to Parliament on the cards as farmers firm up stir plan

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PROTESTING farmers have firmed up their agitation schedule for April-May. On April 10, they plan to block the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) expressway, almost a month ahead of their march to Parliament in May.

The general body meeting of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha was held on Monday at Singhu border. "On April 5, farmers will lay a siege to FCI offices across the country. On April 10, KMP Expressway will be blocked for 24 hours from 11 am and on April 13, the festival of Baisakhi will be celebrated at Delhi borders," said Morcha leader Darshan Pal. "Our action is meant to wake up the government," he added.

"We'll mark April 14 – birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar – as Samvidhan Bachao Divas. On May 1, we'll mark Mazdoor Day on the borders of Delhi. The day will be dedicated to farmer-labourer unity," said Pal.

He said the day of the march to Parliament would be decided later. "Farmers, labourers, women, Dalit-Adivasi-Bahujans, unemployed youths and every section of the society will be a part of this march. People will come in their own vehicles from villages to the borders of Delhi. After this, a foot march will be undertaken," said the Morcha leader.

"We will form a committee to let the protesters know what to do in case there is police action during the march," he said. Pal alleged that SKM farmer leaders, who held the banner 'No vote for BJP/NDA' in the Kerala capital, were thrashed by BJP and RSS workers.

JHARKHAND

Tribal Research Institute, in association with IIT-Roorkee, will prepare development index on the lines of UNDP human development index to assess the actual status of livelihood, education and health conditions of tribals

3 DIE — CONSUMING HOOCH IN UP'S PRATAPGARH

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	23	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	37	19	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	35	20	Patna	37	18
Amritsar	28	12	Lucknow	35	20
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	28	25
Kolkata	38	27	Imphal	30	12
Srinagar	21	04	Chandigarh	37	15

States depend on govt hospitals for Covid jabs

Private players claim bias by officials, say their facilities underutilised

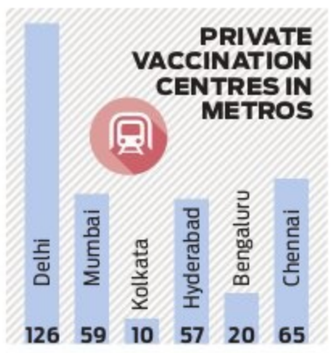
SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

DESPITE the Centre's big push to private hospitals for Covid vaccination, states largely seem to be relying on government hospitals to offer the crucial service where the jabs are being given for free.

Of more than 6.1 crore vaccine shots administered in India till Tuesday afternoon, just 16.53 % doses or a little over 1 crore doses were given in the private facilities, according to the data maintained by the Union health ministry.

Among all states and UTs, Chandigarh has the highest participation of private hospitals where a little over 50 % vaccine doses have been given in private facilities, followed by Telangana at 48.39 %. In many states, including Maharashtra, Haryana and MP, the share of private facilities is less than 25 % or just about this figure.

Even in Delhi, an exception where more private hospitals than government centres are offering Covid vaccination, just about 43 % vaccine doses have been administered in private centres showing that beneficiaries may be opting for government centres in larger numbers.



Curiously, the share of private hospitals is considerably low despite the Centre's repeat reminders to the states to permit inoculations at even those private hospitals, not empanelled under any Central or state-run health insurance schemes after the vaccinations opened for all above 60 and those over 45 with specific comorbidities on March 1.

Sources said that the low participation of the private health facilities is due to "biases" shown by most state and local authorities. "There are 68,000 private hospitals where the vaccinations can be carried out but very few of them are being utilised and permitted by the states," said Girdhar J Gyani, director general of the Association of Private Healthcare Providers of India.

The states, he claimed, are behaving as if they are doing a "favour on private hospitals by allowing them to offer the vaccinations." "In reality, the scale of vaccination will increase manifold if private hospitals participate in a big way."

In a letter to the PM, the Association had said that at the present rate of vaccination, it may take more than a year to vaccinate the priority groups. "India can easily achieve 20 million doses per day, if we are able to utilize the vast capacity within the private sector," it argued.

VACCINATIONS BEGIN FOR 45 AND ABOVE

Those born before Jan 1, 1977 eligible

HOW TO REGISTER

- Through the government's CoWIN portal
- Through Aarogya Setu app
- On-site registration at nearest centre after 3 pm
- Photo ID like Aadhaar card, PAN card, passport, driving license needed for registration (some other documents also accepted)
- Photo ID used for registration to be produced at the time of vaccination

No vaccination without registration

WHEN TO TAKE SECOND DOSE

Interval between two doses of Covishield has been extended from four-six weeks to four-eight weeks. Second dose of Covaxin can be taken four-six weeks after the first

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SECOND DOSE

Co-WIN does not schedule second dose vaccination appointment automatically. Has to be done by beneficiary as per recommended gap between two doses. New beneficiaries and those who have received first dose can choose when to get second dose

VACCINATION CENTRES

Government and private health facilities as notified, known as COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs). One can choose from centres shown as options. National helpline number 1075

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Both vaccines are safe. In case of discomfort, beneficiary should visit nearest health facility

Everyone who has received vaccine should continue to follow protocols. Wearing mask, maintaining distance to continue

Centre asks states to keep vaccine wastage below 1%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WITH Covid vaccination for all above 45 years beginning Thursday, the Centre asked the states to ensure that wastage of doses is kept less than 1 %.

As of now, about 6 % vaccine doses on an average are getting wasted, triggering concerns as supply of vaccines is limited. An estimated 34 crore people are now prioritised for vaccination against coronavirus.

Assuring that there is no problem in the availability, storage and logistics of vaccines, the Centre re-emphasized the point that there is no value in conserving vaccines for the second dose.

In a high-level meeting, top health bureaucrat Rajesh Bhushan asked states to identify low vaccine coverage pockets particularly in districts showing Covid surge and for taking corrective actions there. This comes a day after Bhushan wrote to states to complete vaccination of the entire prioritized population in districts with high caseloads or those reporting spurt in cases within the coming two weeks.

On the vaccination coverage of health care and front-line workers, states were directed to ensure that only eligible beneficiaries are covered and also to achieve saturation on priority.

It also asked states to undertake GIS analysis of vaccination centres to identify need for additional centres and address apprehensions of private facilities on vaccine supply, guidelines proactively.

The states were advised to ensure that there is no sedimentation of vaccine stocks at any level of storage and distribution is based on consumption to avoid overstocking as well as under-stocking at cold chain points and vaccination centres.

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP gears up for panchayat polls before 2021 battle

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE ruling BJP is leaving nothing to chance for the upcoming rural body elections, considered the semifinal ahead of the Assembly polls due next year.

The saffron brigade is organizing 'chaupals' across nearly 50,000 villages.

The party is ready to issue a list of candidates for the first and second phase of UP panchayat polls after a meeting on Thursday.

BJP insiders say the party has chalked out around 15,000 programmes with workers' participation at booth-level seminars, kisan panchayats, district-level meetings for panchayat polls and 'chaupals.'

Party leaders undertook a campaign carrying government's achievement leaflets at the booth level on March 25 and 26. The party is set to declare 3,051 district panchayat ward candidates for the three-tier elections. With this, it has decided to contest elections on 826 block head posts.

The BJP has made a separate programme for farmers, youths and women. Down to the booth level, the party has made its own teams to reach the voters and do ground work for the Assembly polls through panchayat elections.

"Work for the selection of candidates is on. We are going to contest the panchayat elections in a spirited manner," said party in-charge for panchayat elections Vijay Bahadur Pathak.

The nomination process for the first phase of seats is from April 3 and voting is on April 15, while the nomination process for the second phase is from April 7 and the voting is on April 19.

Why should the law be set aside for you? HC asks ex-Mumbai top cop

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Bombay High Court slammed former Mumbai police commissioner Parambir Singh for not filing an FIR in connections with his allegations against Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.

"You are a police officer. If you find an offence has been committed, you are duty-bound to file an FIR. Why did you not do it? You are failing in your duty if you don't file an FIR when you know an offence has been committed," the court said, reserving its order on Singh's petition seeking CBI probe against Deshmukh.

"Simply writing letters to the CM won't do. ... If any citizen finds an offence is being committed, he is duty-bound to file an FIR."

The bench also observed that it is only in extremely rare cases that the court can order an FIR and, otherwise, the correct course of action would be to approach a magistrate court.

"Please don't convert the High Court into a magistrate court to order an FIR... You are a Police Commissioner, why should the law be set aside for you? Are police officers, ministers and politicians all above the law? Don't view yourself so high, the law is above you."

The HC observed that by the virtue of his official position, Singh is well aware of the procedure of law. "If he has no faith in the state, he can approach others. This petition in the absence of an FIR prima facie appears to be without substance."

Probe panel is eyewash: Oppn leader Fadnavis

Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis raised questions over the constitution of a panel to probe the allegations against home minister Anil Deshmukh. Fadnavis claimed the Justice KU Chandiwal Committee has not been given the powers under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952. "When we constituted the Justice Zoting Committee to probe allegations against Eknath Khadse, it had quasi-judicial power to carry out the probe. But the MVA government has made the committee powerless," said Fadnavis. "We are of the view that this committee is merely an eyewash and does not solve any purpose considering the gravity of the allegations."

ISHRAT JAHAN CASE

No fake encounter, CBI court frees 3 cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

A special CBI court in Ahmedabad on Wednesday discharged three policemen, including Inspector General Singhal, in the 2004 Ishrat Jahan encounter case.

Earlier, former IG DG Vanzara, then joint commissioner of police PP Pandey and SP NK Amin were discharged in the same case. Judge Vipul R. Raval on Wednesday discharged IPS officer GL Singhal, retired cop Tarun Barot and SRPF commando Anaju Chaudhari.

With this, all six accused policemen out of the seven who were initially arrested and chargesheeted by the CBI have been let off by the special court without trial. The order means the trial in the matter has come to an end if the CBI doesn't file an appeal against it. The CBI had not appealed against the discharge of four other officers earlier.

Singhal, Barot and Chaudhari preferred an application praying that they may be discharged in connection with the offences registered at CBI Special Crime Branch, New Mumbai. The case was registered against them for the offence punishable under various sections of the IPC and the Arms Act.

> **Govt has come to the conclusion that the offences committed by the applicants are the ones committed while discharging their official duties as police officers**
>
> Special court

The court noted records and reports received from the CBI were carefully and thoroughly examined by the Home Department and thereafter, the order of refusal of sanction was passed based on the entire material in the case.

"The government has come to the conclusion that the offences committed by the present applicants are the ones committed while discharging their official duties as police officers. Besides, the investigation against the accused is not proper and there is no evidence against the accused," it said.

Yell at your own peril during Bihar rural poll

RAJESH THAKUR @ Patna

PEOPLE caught shouting in and around polling booths during the panchayat election in Bihar can be arrested and sentenced to three-month jail or fined. Sources in the state election commission said that if the presiding officer finds someone involved in such act, s/he can direct the police to arrest the accused.

The elections are due to be held April-May. Overall, 4,705 polling booths will be set up for the purpose.

The sources said the state election commission has banned shouting on polling day in and around the polling booths in order to keep law and order maintained during the Panchayat elections. "The ban on shouting will be imposed for the day of polling because noise may interfere with the work of the employees engaged in the election work," they said.

The use of the public addressing system will also remain banned on polling day.

Meanwhile, the Nitish Kumar government announced a compensation of ₹30 lakh in the event of the death, including those succumbing to Covid, and ₹15 lakhs will be given on injury sustained by the poll personnel.

EXPRESS READ

SpiceJet introduces zero change fee offer

New Delhi: SpiceJet has allowed to make changes in travel plan at least 7 days prior to the date of departure with its 'Zero Change fee' offer. The new offering will allow SpiceJet passengers to modify tickets with one-time waiver of the charges without any hassle.

MEDICAL BREAK

NCP chief Sharad Pawar underwent an emergency endoscopy for the removal of a stone from bile duct

He was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital on Tuesday after he experienced abdominal pain

Pawar will remain in hospital for three-four days and discharged after check up

Punjab looks to bring holistic act on drug abuse

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Punjab government plans to bring in an Act which will give legal framework for enforcement, treatment and prevention programmes for drug abuse.

The Comprehensive Action Against Drug Abuse Act (CADA) also covers treatment and prevention aspects for alcohol and tobacco abuse disorders. The principal innovation is to give statutory basis to prevention and treatment programs. Prevention programmes will now have a legal foundation for their work and supervision.

Drug treatment programmes were earlier run through general nature rules made under NDPS Act but this Act provides specific aims structure and a monitoring system. The Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OOAT), Drug Abuse Prevention Officers (DAPO) and BUDDY programmes have already been touted as major achievements by the state government in a publicity campaign being run across the state.

Sources clarified that there is no conflict with the NDPS Act, which prescribes punishments for various offences, and that CADA only supplements the provisions of the NDPS to increase its effectiveness and improve the gains to the system.

It makes officials and departments more closely accountable for implementation of the comprehensive action against drug abuse to the law and to the cabinet through a ministerial committee, they added.

As per the copy of the proposed Act, 17 departments will be brought under one ambit for implementing the strategy of CADA with the home department will be the nodal department to implement this Act.

Pendency in HC increases by 22% in 5 years

Pendency in Uttarakhand High Court has increased by 22 per cent in last 5 years with 38,676 cases pending in the court. In 2016 the pending number of cases was 32,004. The data also indicates that in 2017 the pendency number declined to 30,022. In comparison to Uttarakhand HC, top courts of neighbouring states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have more than doubled the pending cases till March 23, 2021. Himachal Pradesh has a total of 76,926 cases pending in the high court, which is an increase of 59 per cent in last five years. In 2016, the Himachal HC had 25,147 cases pending.

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DEHRADUN DIARY

Panel to address sexual harassment complaints

The Uttarakhand government has appointed a committee to address complaints of sexual harassment in government departments. The committee, headed by Additional Chief Secretary Radha Raturi, consists of six members. HC Semwal, secretary, department of women empowerment and child development, said, "The committee has been authorised to draft the procedure to be followed for hearing the complaints. It will submit its recommendations in each case to the departments where the complaints have raised." Uttarakhand residents have welcomed the decision but also expressed their apprehension over implementation of the said recommendations. Namita Gupta, a philanthropist, said, "The move is a welcome one but the committee should not be another toothless body."

FLO organises annual 'Above & Beyond' event

The Uttarakhand Chapter of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) hosted an annual program 'Above & Beyond' at Olympus High School on Saturday. The programme was held to appreciate the commendable work done by FLO members. The programme was held in the presence of guests, including chairperson and founder of Aasraa Trust, Shaila Brijnath; Assistant Director at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Dr Ekta Uniyal; Founder of Social Development for Communities Foundation Anoop Nautiyal, and SP Intelligence, Nivedita Kukreti. The event started with an introduction of FLO, which was followed by the presentation of an annual report.

Experts to study flash floods

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has set up two high-level expert committees to investigate the causes and impact of the February 7 Chamoli flash floods. The panels are mandated to investigate upstream areas to establish the causes of the disaster and study the downstream route to come up with a clear strategy to avoid a repeat. Dhan Singh Rawat, minister of state for disaster management said, "After a meeting with officials of the NDMA, the decision was taken. Our aim is to ensure that such tragedy is never repeated again."

$1 billion
to be invested over 10 years by the Australian government to develop guided missiles

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	9	SNY	Los Angeles	13	3	SNY
Colombo	31	24	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	6	-1	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	20	13	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	7	2	LC	Toronto	14	8	LC
London	13	8	SNY	Washington	23	18	LC

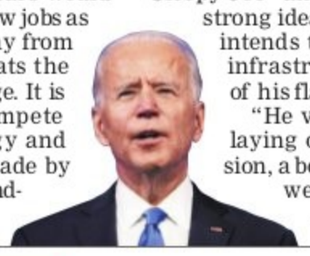
Biden to unveil $2 tn plan to boost US infrastructure

It is expected to revamp America's crumbling infrastructure

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden will on Wednesday unveil a $2 trillion infrastructure plan aimed at modernising the United States' crumbling transport network, creating millions of jobs and enabling the country to "out-compete" China.

White House officials say the spending over eight years would generate millions of new jobs as the country shifts away from fossil fuels and combats the perils of climate change. It is also an effort to compete against the technology and public investments made by China, the world's second-largest economy and fast gaining on the US's dominant position.



It plans to inject $620 billion into transport, including upgrading 20,000 miles (32,000 kilometers) of roads and highways, repairing thousands of bridges and doubling federal funding for public transit.

The president, whom Donald Trump tried to caricature as "Sleepy Joe" and a man without strong ideas or motivation, intends to make the bold infrastructure plan one of his flagship policies.

"He views his role as laying out... a broad vision, a bold vision for how we can invest in America, American workers, our communities," White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. The investment would be partly paid for by raising corporate tax from 21-28%.

"The president is proposing to fundamentally reform the corporate tax code so that it incentivizes job creation and investment... and ensures that large corporations are paying their fair share," a senior administration official said ahead of the speech.

The new legislative offensive comes soon after Congress passed a nearly $2 trillion Covid-19 economic stimulus plan. And Biden's proposal is set to open a bitter battle in Congress, where the Democrats hold only a narrow majority.*AFP*

John Sudworth

BBC reporter leaves China, over threats

BEIJING

A senior BBC correspondent said Wednesday he had left China, after facing legal threats and pressure from authorities over his reporting on Xinjiang rights abuses and the coronavirus pandemic.

John Sudworth told BBC Radio 4 in an interview that he had relocated to Taiwan after nine years in Beijing as it was "too risky to carry on".

Threats from Chinese authorities had "intensified" in recent months, he added.

Sudworth, who was based in China for nine years, said he moved to Taiwan along with his wife, Yvonne Murray, also a China correspondent for the Irish public broadcaster RTE.

Sudworth says he and his team faced surveillance, threats of legal action, obstruction and intimidation wherever they tried to film.

"John's work has exposed truths the Chinese authorities did not want the world to know," the BBC said in a statement. *Agencies*

EXPRESS READ

Italy expels Russian officials over spy row

ROME: Italy expelled two Russian officials on Wednesday after an Italian navy captain was caught red-handed by police selling secret documents to the Russians. The Italian frigate captain was arrested on spying charges after officers tailing him saw him on Tuesday in Rome in a "clandestine meeting" with a Russian military officer, according to a police statement. The two men met in a car park, according to media reports. AFP

US ORDERS DIPLOMATS TO LEAVE CRISIS-HIT MYANMAR

WASHINGTON/YANGON

THE State Department on Tuesday ordered non-essential US diplomats and their families to leave Myanmar, as a deadly government crackdown on demonstrators protesting last month's coup intensifies.

The department said in a brief statement it would require non-emergency US government employees and their dependents to depart the country in an upgrade of its previous instructions from February 14 that had allowed them to leave voluntarily.

The department also reiterated an earlier warning for Americans not to travel to Myanmar. "The Burmese military has detained and deposed elected government officials," the statement said. "Protests and demonstrations against military rule have occurred and are expected to continue."

The Southeast Asian nation has been wracked by violence since the military ousted a civilian-led government on February 1 and began to forcibly put down protests.

Meanwhile, civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi appears in good health despite two months of detention, her legal team said Wednesday.*AFP*

Fortis HOSPITAL
Rajajinagar, Bengaluru

Notice: DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORDS
In patient Medical Records From (IP No. **13801 to 23500**) **01/01/2013 to 31/12/2015** will be destroyed. Whosoever interested can contact the Medical Records Department to collect their records within one month from the date of this notification.
Note: Not applicable for Medico Legal Case, Death, Birth & Paediatric Medical Records

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Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru– 560010 Tel - 06364890817
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Tender Notice No. : KRIDE/BSRP/2/2021. **Date:** 01.04.2021.
e- TENDER NOTICE
Online tender is invited from experienced agencies for executing the work for Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project **(BSRP)** Corridor-2.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Name of the work: Shifting of Signalling & Telecommunication underground utilities in Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara section of Bangalore Division to facilitate Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) Corridor-2.	15.77

Last date for submission of tender is **22.04.2021**
For details visit: www.kride.in and click on "Tenders" then select e-Nivida.
Sd/-
General Manager (S&T)/K-RIDE
DIPR/DDU/3283/SPAN/2020-21

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Division Chikodi
Tel. No.: 08338-275101 **E-Mail: ec.rdws.ckd@gmail.com**
NO: EE/RDW&S/DN-CKD/PB/KW1&2/TENDER/2020-21/36/2427 Date:16-03-2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Portal only)
Tenders are invited on behalf of the governor of govt of Karnataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement Portal for the below mentioned works.
Indent No:- 28768, 28474, 28813, 28874, 28475, 28477, 28478, 28483
II)Calendar events are as follows :
i)Date of Pre Bid Meeting:26-03-2021 time 11.00am @ EE RDW & S Division Chikodi
ii) Last date & time for receipt of tenders through e-portal 31-03-2021 upto 16.00 hours.
iii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : on 01-04-2021 at 16.30 hours
iv) Date of Opening of Financial Bid on after approval of technical bid.
III) Other conditions & eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.
Sd/-
DIPO/BGM/RONO.1608/20-21 **Executive Engineer RDW&S Division Chikodi**

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOST OF DOCUMENT
I, **Mr.Ravi.K,** have Found Original Sale Deed No.1178/01-02, Book-I, Vol-4879, Page-214-224, Dtd-27-06-01 and have lodge a Found Report and I had published a Lost report in Indian Express and Hosadigantha News Papers Dated-18-12-2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **PARUL N. DESAI** daughter of Natubhai H. Desai, aged about 70 years, residing at No. 20 (Old No. 4), Poorna Prasad Road, Bengaluru-560 001, any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim/s being received within 15 (Fifteen) days, My client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property, and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the Residential vacant Site bearing No.165, BDA Katha No.BDA/RO/N/165/11-12, PID No.6000006845 in the Layout approved by the Bengaluru Development Authority in several Survey Numbers of Kodigehalli, Kothihosahalli and Byatarayanapura Villages, all of Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North [Additional] Taluk, Layout named as "RAJEEV GANDHI NAGAR", NTI Layout, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560 092, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet and bounded on by
East by : Site No.160;
West by : 40 Ft Road;
North by : Site No.166;
South by : Site No.164.
SATHYANARAYANA.G, Advocate, No.84, 8th Main, 9th Cross Sadashivanagara, Bengaluru – 560 080. Ph. 9343080908

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-18) XIX ADDL. AT BANGALORE
O.S.No. 2567/2020
Between: Central Bank of India, Having branch at R.T.Nagar, No.9, D.R.Plaza, Dinnur Main Road, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-560032. ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs.Kondamma.C and others ...Defendant
Notice to Defendant No. 1 to 3
1. Mrs. Kondamma.C Wife of P.Yellaiah, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 239/B, 2nd Cross, Vijanapura, Dooravaninagar, Bangalore-560016.
2. Mr.Ramesh.D.P. Son of Mr.Parameshwarappa.D.S, Aged about 54 years, Residing at No.210, Annapurneshwari Nagar, 6th Cross, Ullal Main Road, Bangalore-560056.
3. Mrs. Saraswathi.A.S. W/o Manjunath Naik, Aged about 47 Years, Residing at C/o Dr. Rangappa, No.18, Venkateshappa Layout, Near DVN Circle, M.M.Garden, Babusabpalya, Bangalore-560004.
SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE (ORDER V RULE 20(1) FORM NO.2 (CIVIL)
Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the original suit against you for recovery of money of sum of **Rs.4,69,098/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Ninety Eight Only) together with future interest.
Therefore you are here by warned to appear in person or by a pleader dully instructed before the XIX Additional City Civil Judge, (CCH-18), Bangalore on **22.04.2021 at 11 A.M** to answer the claim.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned. The suit will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court , this **18th day of March 2021.**
Advocate for the Plaintiff: R.K.Amarnath, No.7, 1st Floor, Off Diagonal Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore-560004
By order of the Court Assistant Registrar City Civil Court Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT HOSKOTE
C. Misc. No. 73 / 2021
BETWEEN : 1) **SRI. VENKATAPPA** S/o Late Sonnellappa, Aged about 80 years, 2) **SRI. NAGARAJ** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 55 years, 3) **SMT. SUMITHRAMMA** W/o Late Venkataramana, Aged about 40 years, 4) **SRI. MOHAN** S/o Late Venkataramana, Aged about 21 years, 5) **SRI. MANOJ** S/o Late Venkataramana, Aged about 19 years, 6) **SRI. NARAYANASWAMY** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 48 years, 7) **SRI. MUNIYAPPA** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 46 years, 8) **SMT. NEELAMMA** D/o Venkatappa, Aged about 44 years, 9) **SRI. KRISHNAMURTHY** S/o Venkatappa, Aged about 42 years,
All are residing at Gonakanahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. ...Petitioners
AND ; THE TAHISLDAR/REGISTRAR, Birth and Death, Hoskote Taluk. ...Respondent
GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, Petitioners have filed the above Petition seeking the direction, directing the Respondent to Registrar the date or death of Smt. Motamma W/o Venkatappa, the wife of Petitioner No.1, mother of Petitioners No. 6 to 9, mother-in-law of the Petitioner No.2 and grand mother of the Petitioners No.4 and 5 who was died on 06.08.1985 at Gonakanahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, in the Registrar of Birth & Death.
Wherefore any party directly or indirectly interest or likely to be affected may appear before this Hon'ble Court at **11.00 AM on 09.05.2021** either in person or through Advocate, failing which the matter will be heard and disposed off. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 31.03.2021.
By Order of the Court, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC Hoskote, Bengaluru Rural District
Address of the Petitioners:
MYLARAIAH ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, No.80, 4th Cross, Raisingh Lay Out, Sulbele Road, Hoskote 562114.

PUBLIC NOTICE
On behalf of my client **SRI. ABHILASH MANDYA PAPAIAH, Son of Arekaldoddi Nagaiah Papaiah, Aged about 31 years, Residing at No.356, Madhu Nivas, Abhilash Bar Building, Hennur Main road, BENGALURU – 560 043,** to the information of General Public that my client is intending to purchase the residential site property bearing No. **1436, BBMP Katha No. 402/1436, PID No.024-W0201-73,** measuring to an extent of East to West 40 feets, North to South 30 feets, in all 1200 square Feets, situated at Hennur Bellary Road Layout, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Ward No.24, Bengaluru- 560043 from one **SRI. A. NAVEEN KUMAR Son of late. R.Anand Krishna, Aged about 44 years, Residing at Flat No. 102, Life Style Lauret Apartment,** 1st Stage, 2nd Block, 80 Feet Road, Ward No.24, HBR Layout, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru- 560043 **and others,** for valuable sale consideration and bounded on East by Road, West by Site No. 1441, North by Site No. 1437, South by Site No. 1435. It is informed to the general public that my client is intending to purchase the above said property.
If there is any independent, absolute or any right over the entire schedule property. If anyone already purchased or enters into Agreement of Sale or enters into Mortgege or any kind in order to purchase the property, please contact me over my Cell Phone No.094484-68905 within 15 days without fail and in failing which my client is roady and willing to purchase the same by paying the entire sale consideration to **SRI. A. NAVEEN KUMAR Son of late. R. Anand Krishna** and my client is not liable to vacate and hand over the aforesaid property to any one after transaction. Schedule of the aforesaid property is as follows: -
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of residential site property bearing **No. 1436, BBMP Katha No. 402/1436, PID No.024-W0201-73,** measuring to an extent of East to West 40 feets, North to South 30 feets, in all 1200 square Feets, situated at Hennur Bellary Road Layout, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Ward No.24, Bengaluru- 560043, presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike with new PID number together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on the: -
EAST BY : Road,
WEST BY : Site bearing No. 1441,
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 1441,
SOUTH BY : Site bearing No. 1441,
Sd/- **LOKANATHA. K,** Advocate, No.1, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Gandhinagar, BENGALURU – 560 009. Cell. No. 9448468905.
Place: BENGALURU, Date: 31/03/2021

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Karnataka Forest Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
PO BOX-930, Kulshekara, Mangaluru - 575 005
Ph: 0824-2230346 Fax: 0824-2231032 e-mail: kfdcledmr@dataone.in
No.: KFDC/ED/A3/T-1/2021-22 Date: 30.03.2021
SHORT BRIEF RE - e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
RE-e-Tenders are invited for the Supply of Polythene Sheet-40350 Kgs The last date for submission of tender documents is **07.04.2021 upto 15.00 hrs.** The date of opening tenders is **09.04.2021 at 15.30 hrs.** For tender details please visit **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
For further details, contact this office during office hours.
KARNATAKA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
Sd/- Executive Director, Mangaluru
DIPR/ADM/MCA/1114/20-21 dt 31.3.2021

PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033814, www.pstcl.org
O/o: SE/TS (Design), Telefax: 0175-2207774, E-mail: se-trd@pstcl.org
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Enquiry No.	STQ-5131
Description	220KV CTs & 220kV PTs
Qty.	84 Nos. CTs & 25 Nos. PTs
Last Date / Time for Downloading of tender	03.05.2021 upto 11.00 A.M.
Last Date & Time for receipt of tender	04.05.2021 upto 11.00 A.M.
Date & Time for Opening of tender	06.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from PSTCL e-tendering website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** Corrigendum, if any, will not be published in newspapers. As such the website may be visited regularly for updates.
497-3/31/2021 **Sd/- Dy.CE/TS (Design),**
75/12/68/2021/3236 **PSTCL, Patiala.**

Government of Karnataka
JOINT COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAXES (admn), DGSTO, MYSURU.
No.JCCT(Admn):DGSTO:FDA.1/E-tender/20-21 Date : 30.03.2021
SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
E-Tender notification inviting for procuring 32 No's. of Data Entry Operator's to The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (ADMN), DGSTO, Mysuru and its subordinate offices. Hereby the department allows the eligible institutions to take the necessary informations required through the departmental official website : http://ctax.kar.nic.in and Government website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Last date for submission of tender application : **15.04.2021**
Sd/- Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Admn) DGSTO, Mysuru.
DIPR/DDO/Mysuru/Shirdi Sai/1200/2020-21

KARNATAKA STATE MANGO DEV. & MARKETING CORPORATION (Ltd.,)
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
2nd Floor, `F' Block, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bangalore-560009.
Ph No:080-22236837, E-mail: ksmdmc@gmail.com
NO: DD/MDC/M/ADH1/19/2020-21 Date: 31.03.2021
SHORT TERM RE TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Deputy Director of Horticulture, Mango post-harvest handling Centre, Madikere, Karnataka State Mango Development & Marketing Corporation (ltd.,) Bangalore, invites e -tenders from eligible original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or their authorized agencies for procurement, Installation and Commissioning of machineries for Post-Harvest Handling centre of Mangoes on turnkey basis at mango post-harvest handling centre, Madikere, Chintamani taluk, Chikkaballapura district, Karnataka. The interested bidders would obtain the details of tender (tender Documents, EMD, terms and conditions etc.,) last date for submission of tender up to **20-04-2021** through **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** (Horticulture Department).
For more information, please contact: **080-22236837. Email:ksmdmc@gmail.com**
Sd/- Managing Director Mango Corporation, Bangalore
DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/3292/2020-21
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

HDFC Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited
Branch : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560001
Regd Office: Ramon House, H.T.Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate Mumbai-400020.
Regional Office: HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangaluru-560001, Tel No.080-41183000
CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916 Website: www.hdfc.com
NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Sr. No	Name of Borrower (s)/ Legal heir (s) / Legal Representative(s)	Date of Demand Notice(s)	Date of Possession	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
1	**Mr. Tripathi Pankaj Kumar (Borrower)** **Loan A/c No: 623442541**	06.08.2020	16.03.2021	All that piece and parcel of Residential 3 Bed Room Apartment Bearing No. A-302, in A- Block, on the Second Floor, having/measuring 92.47 square metres of super built up area and 64.72 square metres of Carpet area and bearing E-Khata Number 150200101800422009 in the building known as "PALM GROVES", along with one covered car parking area of 9.75 Square meter with proportionate share of 37 square metres of undivided share, right title and interest in the land property on which this building is constructed, bearing Sy.No.315, totally measuring three (3) Acres Twelve (12) guntas which is a converted land for non-agricultural residential purpose vide order of the special deputy commissioner vide conversion order nos. ALN/SR(A)563/2004-05, dated 11.10.2005, ALN(K&A) SR14/2010-11, DATED 14.07.2010 AND ALN(K&A)SR15/2010-11, dated 14.07.2010, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk.
2	**Mrs. Shayla Gopalakrishna (Borrower)** **Mr.G Thiruselvan (Co Borrower)** **Loan Account No: 618694731 & 619684118**	24.01.2018	04.03.2021	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Unit No: SMR – 1113 PID# 150200100200122279 situated at Sixth Floor, in Block A2, named as North Block –NF bearing apartment No: NF - 601 containing Two Bedrooms having super built up area of 118.03 Square Meters (1270 Sq ft) which includes proportionate share in the common areas used in common by all, and undivided share, right and interest of 495.48 SQ.Ft (46.048 Sq.Mtrs) in the "SHRIRAM SMRITHI RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX" along with One Top Covered Car Parking bearing No: CNF # 601., situated at Sy No's, 327/1, 327/2, 328/2, 342, 343/1, 344, 345, 346/1, 346/2, 346/3, 346/4 of Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk.
3	**Mr. Mohammed Wasim Murnad (Borrower)** **Loan Account No: 631475090**	23.10.2019	30.03.2021	All that piece and parcel of two bedroom residential apartment number bearing No. B-1204 measuring 1525 sq.ft of super built up area on the 12th floor of FUORI Block with Two covered car parking areas in the basement floor. Bearing Khatha No.120/1/B-1204, having UDS (undivided share ,right, title)of 566.01 sq.ft in the project knows 'TIVOLI' situated on, SY NO 118(3 Acres) and 119(1 Acre 15 Guntas) totally measuring 4 acres 15 guntas, bearing Khatha No.120 of Seegehalli Grama panchayat , Situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk.
4	**Mr. Chandrashekar M (Borrower)** **Loan Account No: 631172809 & 631909480**	28.02.2020	29.03.2021	All that piece and parcel of residential two bedroom apartment bearing No.301, in the Third Floor, in Block No.3, of the building known as "VBHC VAIBHAVA", having a super built up area of 620 Sq. feet with one open car parking space with proportionate share of 353 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.9/1A, 9/1B,9/2,10/1, 93,93,95/1, 95/2, 95,2, 95/2, 8, 9/3 & 10/2, and Presently bearing Gram Panchayath (Khatha) Property ID Number 150200101300701010, situated at Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.
5	**Ajith Kumar N (Borrower)** **Loan Account No. 629414366, 630748284 and 631172902**	19.08.2019	29.03.2021	**ITEM No.1: Property mortgaged vide Loan Account No. 629414366 and 630748284:** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No.703, Gram Panchayath (Khatha) Property ID No.150200101300722051, in the 7th Floor, situated within Block No.11 in the building bearing the name and style "VBHC VAIBHAVA" admeasuring 620 Square feet of super built up area and comprising of 2 BHK, Covered car parking space, along with 308 Square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the land bearing Sy.Nos.9/1A, 9/1B, 9/2, 10/1, 93, 95/1, 95/2, 8, 9/3 and 10/2 situated at Byagadadevanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East By : Property bearing Apartment B12/706, West By : Property bearing Apartment No.704, North By : Property bearing Apartment No.702, South By: Road. **ITEM No.2: Property mortgaged vide Loan Account No. 631172902:** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No.103, Gram Panchayath (Khatha) Property ID No.150200101300720531, in the 01st Floor, situated within Block No.23 in the building bearing the name and style "VBHC VAIBHAVA" admeasuring 711 square feet of super built-up-area and comprising of 2 BHK, along with None Car parking spaces, along with 353 Square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the land bearing Sy.Nos.9/1A, 9/1B, 9/2, 10/1, 93, 95/1, 95/2, 8, 9/3 and 10/2 situated at Byagadadevanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East By : Block 22/106, West By : Flat No.104, North By : Flat No.102, South By : Road.

This Public Notice is issued in view of the fact that Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC) has not been able to communicate / establish contact with the aforesaid Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) at his / her / their last known address as per HDFC's records.
Whereas the Authorized Officer of HDFC in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) has issued Demand Notice (s) to the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) on the dates mentioned above.
On the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) failure to comply with the said Demand Notice (s) within the period set out therein, the Authorized Officer of HDFC has taken over possession of the immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) more particularly described in the said Demand Notice (s), under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned above.
At the time of taking over possession of the said immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s), the Authorized Officer of HDFC has drawn up an inventory of personal belongings and household goods lying therein, copy whereof can be collected from the undersigned on any working day during office hours.
In the circumstances, Notice is hereby given, to the said Borrower (s)/ Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to forthwith remove the personal belongings / household goods lying in the aforesaid immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s)) within 10 (ten) days from the date hereof, failing which the Authorized Officer will have no other option but to remove the personal belongings/household goods and dispose off /deal with it in the manner as may be deemed fit, entirely at the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) risk as to cost and consequences, in which event, no claim will be entertained in this regard in future.
Date: 01.04.2021
Place: Bengaluru
For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Sd/-
Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd. under SARAESI Act, 2002

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
627.43 ▼	Sensex	49,509.15	₹19 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,554	₹1,200 ▼	Per kg	₹67,300	▼ Dollar		73.11
154.40 ▼	Nifty	14,690.70	₹18 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,174	₹1.20 ▼	Per gm	₹67.3	▼ Euro		85.77

Centre to infuse ₹14,500 cr in four PSU banks

It will be done through non-interest bearing bonds in Bank of India, CBI, IOB and UCO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday said it will infuse Rs. 14,500 crore in capital in four public sector banks — Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India, and UCO Bank — by issuing non-interest bearing bonds to the state-run lenders.

Recapitalisation bonds will be issued with six different maturities, and the special securities would be "at par" for the amount as per the application made by the eligible banks, according to a notification. Experts say, this transaction will help strengthen banks' capital buffers and potentially free some of the lenders from regulatory curbs. "we expect these banks, which were under the Reserve Bank's PCA (Prompt Corrective Action) framework, to come out of PCA in FY22," said Anil Gupta, Vice-President (Financial), ICRA Ratings.

However, the earning profile of these banks may not improve on account of this transaction given the capital infusion is through zero coupon recapitalization bonds, he added. For the current fiscal, the government had allocated ₹20,000 crore for capital infusion into the public banks for meeting the regulatory requirement. The government will infuse ₹4,800 crore in Central Bank of India, ₹4,100 crore in Indian Overseas Bank, ₹3,000 crore in Bank of India and ₹2,600 crore in UCO Bank. In December, it had infused ₹5,500 crore in Punjab and Sind Bank via zero coupon bonds.

The special securities shall be non-interest bearing and no interest shall be payable on issue of the securities, marking a break from the usual practice of government issuing interest-bearing bonds to banks. Issuing bonds that can also be redeemed at par at the time of maturity is different from the approach taken in 2018 when interest was paid on these bonds and hence banks were able to gain income on these recap bonds which were invested in them, said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at CARE Ratings.

As there is no interest cost for the government, this is a better alternative as against the earlier one. where interest was paid on recap bonds.

Credit guarantee scheme extended till June

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN what is sure to come as a relief to Covid-impacted businesses in the MSME sector, the Union Ministry of Finance announced on Wednesday that the Centre has both expanded the scope of, and extended the duration of the emergency credit line guarantee scheme (ECLGS). The ₹3-lakh crore ECLGS had been announced last year as part of the Covid-19 relief package rolled out by the Centre and involved offering Covid-hit businesses higher credit limits. According to the finance ministry, the latest iteration of the scheme—ECLGS 3.0—involve extending credit of up to 40 per cent of total credit outstanding across all lending institutions as of February, 2020. It will now also cover business enterprises in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Leisure, and Sporting sectors that had, as on February 29, 2020, total credit outstanding not exceeding ₹500 crore and overdues, if any, at 60 days or less as on that date.

"In recognition of the continuing adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic on certain service sectors, the government has now extended the scope of ECLGS through introduction of ECLGS 3.0," the ministry said.

The earlier ECLG schemes have also been extended in duration up to June 30, 2021 or till guarantees for an amount of ₹3 lakh crore are issued. The schemes had been set to lapse on March 31, after having been extended twice already. The scheme had initially been valid up to October 2020, but was subsequently extended to November-end and then again to March 31 by including the 26 stressed sectors identified by the K V Kamath-led RBI panel. "Last date of disbursement under the scheme has been extended to 30.09.2021. The modifications introduced in the scheme, while providing an incentive to MLIs to enable availability of additional funding facility to the eligible beneficiaries will go a long way in contributing to economic revival, protecting jobs, and creating a conducive environment for employment generation," the ministry said. It further announced that the tenor of loans granted under ECLGS 3.0 would be for 6 years, including a two-year moratorium.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,493.5

Target Price ₹1,720

HDFC BANK

HDFCB reported a strong quarter, with PAT growth of ~18% YoY (+17% QoQ), supported by strong NII growth of 15% YoY, higher treasury gains, and controlled opex. Asset quality remained stable, while total restructuring stood at 0.5% of loans. HDFCB has delivered strong business growth as reflected from the revival in retail loan growth, and disbursements across multiple segments are now higher than pre-COVID levels. Operating performance remains steady.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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KV Kamath panel clears SP Group's ₹10,900 cr debt recast package plan

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

In talks with foreign lenders to raise money

Shapoorji Pallonji & Co., run by ousted Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry and family is reportedly in talks with a few foreign banks, including Barclays and Deutsche Bank to raise fund.

THE RBI-constituted K V Kamath committee has given its green signal to a ₹10,900cr debt recast package plan for Shapoorji Pallonji Group, a move that will provide big relief to the cash-strapped group in servicing its debt obligations. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in August last year had said that the Kamath panel will vet all resolution plans of entities hit by the vagaries of the coronavirus-induced disruption and having exposures of at least ₹1,500 crore.

"The Committee has vetted the process adopted for resolution...and has found the same acceptable," stated Indian Banks Association in a letter to the State Bank of India. According to the plan, SP group will not have to make principal payments for two years while the interest payments will be suspended till September this year. There is no relief on the interest rate, however, and the group will have to pay the previously agreed rate set with the lenders. The plan entails conversion of due interest into a term loan.

The SP Group has decided to monetise assets worth ₹10,334 crore. According to people aware of the matter, the beleaguered group plans to pare stake in companies like Sterling & Wilson Solar, Eureka Forbes and Afcons Infrastructure over the next one year to retire some of the debt on its books. The group has a total debt of over ₹22,000 crore. Its debt recast proposal has received the necessary RP4 rating from Care Ratings which is the minimum required for the one-time restructuring mechanism.

The liquidity position of Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Private Limited, the holding company of SP Group, is stretched and the company has a free cash balance of around ₹181.1 crore as of November, 2020, noted ICRA.

PAYMENTS

RBI extends timeline for new auto-debit rule by six months

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to extend the timeline for banks to migrate to the framework for processing of e-mandates on recurring online transactions by six months to September 30, 2021 amid concerns that a new set of auto debit rules kicking-in on April 1 will lead to large scale disruption in payments. The banking regulator, however, warned that non-compliance beyond the extended timeline would be a serious concern and be dealt with separately.

"The delay in implementation by some stakeholders has given rise to a situation of possible large-scale customer inconvenience and default," the RBI said in a statement on Wednesday. Based on a request from Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for an extension of time till March 31, 2021, to enable the banks to complete the migration, the RBI had advised the stakeholders in December 2020 to migrate to the framework by March 31, 2021. Thus, adequate time was given to the stakeholders to comply with the framework. It is, however, noted that the framework has not been fully implemented even after the extended timeline. This non-compliance is noted with serious concern... Any further delay in ensuring complete adherence to the framework beyond the extended timeline will attract stringent supervisory action," the regulator said in a release. The new rules, first issued in August 2019, will now be effective starting October 2021.

According to RBI, the primary objective of the framework was to protect customers from fraudulent transactions and enhance customer convenience. The new framework mandates use of an additional factor of authentication during automatic recurring payments for various services including recharge, utility bills.

IFF calls for probe into alleged Mobikwik data leak

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

A day after mobile payments start-up Mobikwik denied claims of mega data leak from its servers, the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) has written to the Computer Response team of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTy), seeking enquiry into the reported breach under Section 70B(6) of the Information Technology Act, 2000. The advocacy group has also hit out at Mobikwik for shifting the blame of data leak on users by stating they might have uploaded their KYC details on multiple platforms.

Users, security researchers and news organisations have reported that data of 10 crore Indians, including their passport details, addresses and phone numbers, is available for sale on the dark web...

Internet Freedom Foundation

The alleged data leak amounting to disclosure of 8.2 terabytes of sensitive information is being termed as the biggest such incident in the history which compromised the privacy of over 3.5 million users. "Users, security researchers and news organisations have reported that data of 10 crore Indians, including their passport details, addresses and phone numbers, is available for sale on the dark web. As per press reports, the data was in the custody of MobiKwik, which provides a mobile-based payment system. We have written to the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) asking them to initiate an inquiry over the data breach in terms of Section 70B(6) of the Information Technology Act, 2000," IFF said in a social media post on Wednesday.

According to the advocacy group, Mobikwik should readily inform the affected users of the incident, provide them with due compensation under Section 43A of the IT Act, 2020, explain the reasons behind the breach, permit a third-party audit and stop threatening the security experts with the legal action. The incident has come to light at a time when India's joint parliamentary committee is examining the Personal Data Protection Bill (PTPB) and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has taken on tech giants like Facebook, Whatsapp and Twitter to ensure that the user data is not compromised.

Govt pegs borrowing at ₹7.24 L cr in April-Sept

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government will stick to its borrowing target announced in the Union Budget 2021-22 and will borrow ₹7.24 lakh crore or 60 per cent of the full-year target in the first half of financial year 2021-22.

According to the Budget, the government's gross borrowing was estimated at ₹12.05 lakh crore in the financial year starting April 1.

"In the Budget, we had announced that there would be a gross borrowing of ₹12.05 lakh crore and net borrowing of ₹9.37 lakh crore. In the first half of 2021-22, we would be borrowing ₹7.24 lakh crore," said Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, the government borrowed a record ₹13.71 lakh crore, or 76 per cent more than it had budgeted for, mainly to meet resources to perk up the economy hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

Fiscal deficit

The central government's fiscal deficit at the end of February worked out to be 76 per cent of the revised estimate. The deficit stood at `14.05 lakh crore.

However, the finance ministry cancelled a central government bond auction worth ₹20,000 crore scheduled for 26 March which was to be the last of the financial year due to better revenue receipts. Gross borrowing includes repayments of past loans. Repayment for past loans in the next financial year has been pegged at ₹2.8 lakh crore.

"The gross borrowing from the market for the next year would be around ₹12 lakh crore. We plan to continue with our path of fiscal consolidation, and intend to reach a fiscal deficit level below 4.5 per cent of GDP by 2025-26 with a fairly steady decline over the period," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said while presenting the Budget.

MALWARE CHECK

Airtel gets CERT-IN thumbs up for govt cyber security services

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TELECOM major Bharti Airtel has received a green light of sorts from India's cyber security arm that will enable it to offer cyber security services to government agencies and organisations. According to a stock exchange filing made by Airtel on Wednesday, it has been empanelled by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN).

The company went on to observe that with this empanelment, it will be able to offer its cyber security solutions to not just corporate customers, but also the Union and state governments as well as public sector entities. Airtel currently provides end-to-end managed security services to enterprise customers under the Airtel Secure brand. As part of Airtel Secure, Airtel has also set up a Security Intelligence Centre with access to advanced technology and AI/ML tools to track and mitigate potential online threats, the statement said. "Airtel is trusted by over one million enterprises of all sizes. The CERT empanelment is a major milestone in our journey to becoming the preferred partner for enterprises when it comes to security, which is a top priority in a digitally connected world," said Ajay Chitkara, Director and CEO of Airtel Business.

Airtel's push to expand its cyber security services comes at a time when cyber attacks have become a serious threat to most organisations, both private and public, and especially those that handle valuable customer data. According to a recent report by Tech Research Asia, cyber security attacks impacted 52 per cent of organisations in India during the course of the pandemic over the last 12 months.

Of the companies that admitted to such breaches, 71 per cent said that "it was a serious or very serious attack" and 65 per cent said it took more than a week to fix.

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Ajay Chitkara, Director and CEO, Airtel Business

EXPRESS READ

RBI extends term of J&K Bank CMD

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India has extended the term of J&K Bank Chairman and Managing Director R K Chhibber by six months, the lender said on Wednesday. The extension will be effective from April 10, the bank said in a regulatory filing. Chhibber has served as Interim Chairman and MD of J&K bank from June 10, 2019, to October 9, 2019, and has been serving as the Chairman and MD of the bank under section 10BB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 since October 10, 2019.

PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline extended

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday extended the deadline for linking PAN with biometric Aadhaar by three months till June 30. The income tax department said it has received representations from taxpayers that the last date for intimating the Aadhaar number may further be extended in the wake of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. As per data available, till August 2020, 32.71 crore PANs were linked to the biometric ID. Total PAN allotment as of June 2020, stood at 50.95 crore.

LPG price cut by ₹10 per cylinder

New Delhi: After raising cooking gas prices by ₹125 per cylinder last month, state-owned oil firms on Wednesday announced a ₹10 per cylinder cut in LPG rates on softening international oil prices. A 14.2-kg LPG cylinder — both for subsidised and market price users will cost ₹809 from April 1 as against ₹819 currently, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) said in a statement. The price cut, which traditionally is announced on the day the change is effective — four times the rates went up in a span of one month — was announced a day ahead of the second phase of voting in West Bengal. LPG prices were hiked first by ₹25 per cylinder on February 4.

Srei Group eyes international equity to tide over capital crisis amid Covid-19

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

KOLKATA-based Srei Equipment Finance said it has received an expression of interest from international investors for capital infusion. As such, Srei Equipment Finance Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd, has formed a five-member panel of independent directors headed by an ex-banker to take the capital-raising process ahead. The panel will be chaired by Independent Director Malay Mukherjee. The other members include Suresh Kumar Jain, Tamali Sen Gupta, Uma Shankar Paliwal and Shyamalendu Chatterjee, the company said in a statement.

"A Strategic Coordination Committee (SCC), comprising independent directors to coordinate, will negotiate and conclude discussions with potential strategic investors to raise fresh capital for the business in consultation with the management," the company said.

The NBFC, which has assets worth around ₹43,000 crore, faced significant stress due to the coronavirus pandemic. Around 60 percent of businesses that borrowed money from Srei have approached the company to restructure the loans.

TVS Motor two-wheeler exports touch 1 lakh-mark in March

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TVS Motor Company on Wednesday said it has clocked 100,000 units in two-wheeler exports in March, buoyed by an increase in motorcycle sales in key markets across the globe. The leading manufacturer of two-and three-wheelers has presence in more than 60 countries in geographies across Africa, South East Asia, Indian sub-continent, Central & Latin America and is now seeking to enter more markets in Europe and North America.

"It is a momentous occasion for TVS Motor as our international two-wheeler business achieved a sales milestone of 100,000 units in March. Over the past months, we have witnessed growth across various geographies with a definite shift to premiumisation," said Joint MD Sudarshan Venu.

Asserting that they will strive to keep this momentum going forward by coming out with exciting range of products, he said "investments in technology and the future of mobility will be important for us in the next phase of our growth and transformation."

The company's key export products include the TVS Apache, TVS HLX series, TVS Stryker series. Recently, TVSM chairman Venu Srinivasan said that their global ambition was to become a premium motorcycle company with 20% of business coming from premium brands. To this end, it had appointed Ralf Speth, a global automotive industry veteran and JLR's ex-CEO, as non-executive director. The Chennai-based company had acquired the British sporting motorcycle Norton Motorcycles through one of its overseas subsidiaries for 16 million pounds and some assets of Norton Motorcycles (UK) Ltd in April 2020. During January 2021, Norton announced that it would move into the most advanced manufacturing facility. Norton is currently finalising the construction of its new factory in Solihull and is expected to open by the middle of 2021.

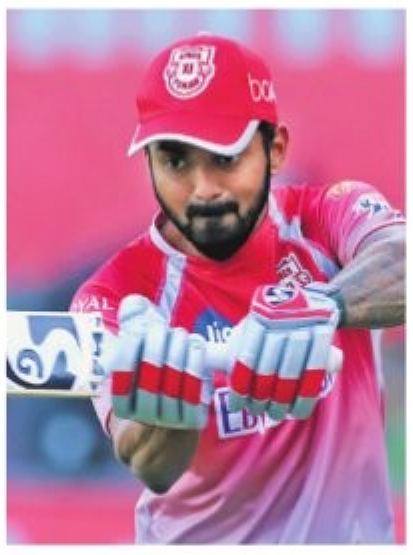
UEFA approves five substitutes rule for Euro

Five substitutes will be allowed at this summer's Euro 2020. The UEFA, European football's governing body, said the decision had been taken as "the rule is already in place for the World Cup qualification matches that will run from March 2021 to March 2022."

LOOKING TO HIT TOP GEAR

Punjab batting coach Jaffer expects skipper Rahul to play more aggressively in the IPL

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai



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That's the strike rates of KL Rahul in his IPL career. After really catching the eye in 2016 and 2018 as a top-order batsman not afraid to lose his wicket, the opener has somewhat changed his role to that of an anchor over the last two seasons (the Punjab Kings' skipper is the only to have faced more than 900 balls across the last two campaigns). Even if this method has made him more consistent — in 2019 he was the second-highest run-scorer before walking away with the Orange Cap last year — it's made him less destructive in the powerplay.

One man who had a ringside view to Rahul's evolution in 2020 is Wasim Jaffer, the franchise's batting coach. Jaffer is of the opinion that Rahul took it upon himself to play the role of anchor to take the side to 'a total where we won't lose'. But Jaffer, who spoke to select media outlets in a Zoom press conference on Wednesday, conceded that he was a touch slow in the desert.

"The way he batted last year, he anchored because he probably felt that you know... Glenn Maxwell didn't have a good season and there wasn't much batting after 6 which is probably not the case this time around. So we might see a little bit aggressive Rahul (this time). He does shift gears smoothly but probably batted a little timidly or maybe a little slower than he does all the time or he felt he had to anchor to get us to a score where we won't lose. You might see a different approach from him this season."

In fact, batsmen like Rahul are at the centre of a continuing debate on the role of anchors in T20. Are they redundant? Does the format even have scope for an anchor? Jaffer, who featured in the inaugural IPL match between Kolkata and Bangalore in 2008, said that there is a place for an anchor but puts a caveat. "We always talk about one batsman needing to bat through. But at the same time, the more balls you bat in T20s, your strike rate needs to keep going up. The anchor doesn't mean you bat at a strike rate of 90 or 100 all the time. The more you bat, your strike rate needs to keep going up from 120 to 140 or maybe even 160 in the death. That is very important."

Because of the added batting depth in the Punjab line-up this time — Fabian Allen and M Shahrukh Khan could provide that muscle at the end they lacked last year — Rahul could go back to his original avatar.

As far as the team itself is concerned, Jaffar says there is better balance about them this year. "We needed somebody who can bowl 145 km/hr in the death overs. With their additions (Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith) have got pace, Dawid Malan is the world's No 1 T20 batsman... so looking good."

Hesson backs Maxwell to come good at RCB

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

145. 179. 310. 169. 108. These are Glenn Maxwell's numbers with the bat in his last five seasons in the Indian Premier League. Royal Challengers Bangalore director of cricket Mike Hesson is not looking much into these stats ahead of the league's 14th edition. There are reasons for it, as he can win games single-handedly. His international track record suggests as much. Season after season (at the auctions), this trait of his has helped him bag mega bucks despite his below par outings.

The Australian middle order batsman is looked upon as someone who can relieve pressure off AB de Villiers and Virat Kohli. Aaron Finch failed in that role last season. Will Maxwell be any different? Last season too one witnessed how Bangalore lacked quality players in the middle overs after Kohli, De Villiers and Devdutt Padikkal were dismissed. Lack of runs in the middle overs and no one to finish games at the end cost them a few matches. Hesson is optimistic, regarding the Australian, who has three hundreds and nine half-centuries in 72 T20Is. In IPL, it is six fifties from 82 games.

"He fits in our middle-order. We want some X factor players, that high impact player. Through those middle overs, it is an area (to improve)... to have another player of that quality, just adds to the likes of ABD and a two pronged attack during the middle overs and the back end. He brings in a huge amount in that area. We know that on his day, he can change the game. We need to use him in a space where we can maximise his skills," said Hesson.

Besides his six-hitting ability, the 32-year-old can be more than handy with his off-spin. If required, he can be played as an all-rounder too, which will allow Bangalore to field an extra batsman or a bowler. "We are looking forward to working with him in the next few days to be really clear around that role. From a bowling point of view, he adds some good skills in that area and he is an amazing fielder too."

It may be difficult to predict Maxwell's season beforehand, but with the form skipper Kohli has shown, one can count the latter to be amongst the runs once again. He scored three unbeaten fifties in the T20I series against England. More importantly, he opened in that innings, a role which he will be assigned for the upcoming season alongside Devdutt Padikkal.

"He is obviously going to bat at the top," Hesson said. "He is also in fine touch, his tempo is really pleasing. The way he played against England in the T20Is just showed the tempo where he can control the innings and on a day when he does that for RCB, we know that we will (have) an above par score."

RED ALERT

Coronavirus hits jr women's hockey meet

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE national junior women's hockey championship, to be held in Simdega, Jharkhand from Saturday, has been postponed after 11 players from Chandigarh and Jharkhand were tested positive for Covid-19.

"The AstroTurf Stadium has been sealed after declaring as a containment zone and the players who tested positive have been admitted to the Covid care hospital. Those who have already reached here are being sent back," said Simdega district administrator Sushant Gaurav. At least five teams which were on their way to take part, have also been asked to return, he added.

"All the teams, who had left to take part in the meet, have been asked to return. Haryana, Punjab, Jammu Kashmir and Himachal have already reached Delhi while Madhya Pradesh was at Jabalpur station," said Hockey Jharkhand president Bholanath Singh. A total of 28 teams were to take part in the tournament.

Ronaldo helps Portugal past in World Cup qualifiers

AFP @Paris

CRISTIANO Ronaldo helped Portugal to a hard-fought 3-1 win over Luxembourg on Tuesday with his first goal of the 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign, while Belgium became the latest team to join the protests over human rights in Qatar before hitting eight past Belarus.

Juventus forward Ronaldo bagged his 103rd international goal five minutes after the break to stop his side falling foul of a Luxembourg team whose recent performances have defied their status. Ronaldo had been controversially denied what looked to have been an added-time winner in Saturday's draw against Serbia in Belgrade, but he was not to be denied on Tuesday.

Results: Group A: Luxembourg 1-3 Portugal. Azerbaijan 1-2 Serbia. **Group E:** Wales 1-0 Czech Republic. Belgium 8-0 Belarus. **Group G:** Gibraltar 0-7 Netherlands. Montenegro 0-1 Norway. Turkey 3-3 Latvia. **Group H:** Croatia 3-0 Malta. Cyprus 1-0 Slovenia. Slovakia 2-1 Russia.

30 Covid +ve in SAI centres

PTI/ENS @New Delhi

AS many as 30 athletes and support staff living at the National Centres of Excellence in Patiala and Bengaluru have tested positive for Covid-19, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said on Wednesday. These tests were conducted by SAI "keeping the safety of the Olympic-bound athletes, coaches and support staff in mind," the body said. However, "all Olympic-bound athletes at both centres" returned negative tests.

In all, 741 tests were administered across Patiala (313, 26 positive) and Bengaluru (428, four positive). "Those who have tested positive are being isolated in the residential facilities within the campus. The campus has been sanitised and all precautionary measures are being taken to ensure complete safety of athletes," the statement added.

Even if all Olympic probables are in the clear, CA Kuttappa, the chief national coach of the men's boxing team, tested positive. Shot put coach Mohinder Singh Dhillon has also been tested positive. Interestingly, Dhillon had taken the first dose of the Covid vaccine last week.

EXPRESS READ

10 women racers set to feature in INRC

BENGALURU: The upcoming edition of FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2021 will be a historic one for Indian motorsports as 10 women drivers and co-drivers will line up on the grid for the first time. The one-of-a-kind selection and training programme was conducted by former INRC champion Chetan Shivram and supported by the promoter of INRC Vamsi Merla.

Golfer Aditi set for landmark 16th Major

RANCHO MIRAGE (US): Aditi Ashok will equal Anirban Lahiri's record of participating in 16 Majors — the most by any Indian — when she tees off at the ANA Inspiration on Thursday. Besides, she has won three times on the Ladies European Tour. Aditi has played at least one Major each year since she turned pro in 2016 and she became an LPGA member only in 2017.

Sharan, Alyssa clinch five gold medals each

BENGALURU: Sharan Sridhara and Alyssa Sweedal Rego won five gold medals each on the final day of state sub-junior swimming competiotion here on Wednesday. The former stood first in Group IV B boys category of 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m medley and 50m freestlye and the latter won in 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m medley, 50m freestlye in the girls category.

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NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India) has issued Corrigendum for Environmental Clearance (Corrigendum issued for Commercial Building 8 and total built up area of the project to 6,95,097.33 m^2) of Mixed use development project "Divyasree Technopolis" at Sy. No. 36/2 (P) of Yamaluru & Sy.123, 124, 125, 126/4A etc., of Ammani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru of M/s. Divyasree Infrastructure Projects Pvt. Ltd., "Divyasree Chambers", A Wing, #11, O' Shaugnessy Road, Bangalore-25 vide letter No. SEIAA 14 CON 2019 Dated 6th March 2021.
The said copy of Environmental Clearance is available with the website of the MoEFCC/ SEIAA, Karnataka at http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in/ or http:environmentclearance.nic.in/

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-36)
O.S. No. 7362/2019

Between: Mr. Shankar .G, S/o Mr. G. Venkataramana, aged about 52 years, R/at No. 80, 13th Cross, 20th Main, Sahakarnagar 'A' Block, Bangalore-560092. Represented by its GPA holder Mr. Srikanth G ... **PLAINTIFF**
AND: Mr. N. Khaleel LRS and others ... **DEFENDANTS**

Summons to the Defendants

1. **Mr. N. Khaleel** Lrs **1(a). Mrs. Shaheena Taj** W/o Late N. Kaleel @ Mohammed Kaleel, aged about 59 years, **1(b). Mr. Mohammed Farooq** S/o Late N. Kaleel @ Mohammed Kaleel, aged about 39 years, **1(c) Mr. Mohammed Saleem** S/o Late N. Kaleel @ Mohammed Kaleel, aged about 36 years, **1(d) Mrs. K. Nasreen Taj** D/o Late N. Kaleel @ Mohammed Kaleel, aged about 30 years, **1(e) Mr. Mohammed Firoz** S/o Late N. Kaleel @ Mohammed Kaleel, aged about 30 years, All the above ((1) A to E) are residents of # 5/84, N.K. Building, 1st floor, 8th Main Road, LIC Colony, 3rd Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.
2. **Mr. M. Salim Gahlot**, S/o Mr. M. Raman Gahlot, aged about 58 years, R/at # 301, Gulam Hussani Mansion, S.V. Road, Andheri West, Mumbai-400058.
3. **Mr. Abdul Aziz**, S/o Mr. Mohammad Kasim Sheik, aged about 47 years, R/at # 786-787,13, Gilbert Hill Road, Behind Bawan's College, Andheri West, Mumbai-400058. ... **DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted a suit for Declaration & Permanent Injunction against you under order VII, Rule 1 of CPC. You are here by summoned in person or by a pleader, at the city civil court hall No. 36 on **20-04-2021** at 11 a.m. to answer the claims and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to reply in support of your defense.
Take notice in case of non-appearance on the day above mentioned, the above suit will be heard and determined in your absence as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the residential Site No. 30 (Thirty), Khatha No.127/3, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 120 Feet and North to South 108 Feet in all measuring 12960 Square feet. East by: 30 Feet Road; West by: Government Property; North by; Property No.127/2; South by; Property belonging to Ramchandrappa.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 27-03-2021.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff:
J.S. Advocates and Legal Consultants, 56/1-1, 4th Main, 18th Cross, Opp. to Corporation Bank, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore-560055.

Kempegowda INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BENGALURU

Name and Address of the entity seeking EOI: Bangalore International Airport Limited ("BIAL") Alpha 2, Administration Block, Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru Bengaluru 560 300
Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ("EOI")

Supply of plants (TREES, SHRUBS, AQUATIC PLANTS, CLIMBERS AND GROUND COVER) by nurseries to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru ("Project")
The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the supply of ordered plants for areas identified by BIAL within the Airport premises, coordination with other contractors appointed by BIAL ("Work"). The list of plants are part of the invitation to EOI in Form-II. BIAL invites interested applicants (either owning or operating a nursery) to submit their EOI for carrying out the Work.
Information on the EOI can be obtained from BIAL website www.bengaluruairport.com (http://www.bengaluruairport.com/ourBusiness/tender.jspx) (refer Information Document). Bidding for this Project is through e-tendering. Applicants shall register on the e-portal https://www.bialtenders.com, as per the e-Tendering instructions provided with the Information Document.
Applicants shall view / download the EOI document from e-portal https://www.bialtenders.com between 1000 hrs IST on April 1, 2021 to 1700 hrs IST on April 11, 2021. The EOI must be submitted online at https://www.bialtenders.com on or before 1700 hrs IST on April 11, 2021. Addendum, if any, to this EOI shall be made available on the BIAL website and the e-portal.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAHANA KAMBI, R/at # 25, Mathapathi Apartment, 14 'E' Cross, GM Palya, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075 have changed my name to **SAHANA CHETAN MATHAPATHI** Vide affidavit dated 28-03-2021 sworn before Notary Sreedharan Nair P.N., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUKHRAJ SHATHILAL JAIN, R/at # 44/3, Sukhanchi Kunj, Osborne Road, Hermit Colony, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560042 have changed my name to **SHANTHILAL SUKHRAJ BOHRA** Vide affidavit dated 31-03-2021 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi .R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANTOSH, R/at # 25, 2nd Floor, 17th D Cross, 13th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078. have changed my name to **SANTOSH YADAV** Vide affidavit dated 24-03-2021 sworn before Notary Mahesha .J.J., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED HIDAYATHULLA, residing at No. 544/B Six Gate, Syed Alam Mohalla, Daira Channapatna -562160, Ramanagaram District, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SYED MAHAMOOD** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2021 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra, Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) THANGAMMA SWAMY DASS, residing at No. 149, Ayshwarya, T.Dasarahalli, Officers Model Colony, Bangalore-560057, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) THANGAMMA SWAMY DASS** to **(NEW NAME) THANKAMMA** vide affidavit Dated 31/03/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINITHAA ARCHANA. M**, D/o Manimandan, residing at No.22, Balaji Layout, 1st Cross, Doddanagamangala, Near Anjanya Temple, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name from Archana.M to " **VINITHAA ARCHANA. M** ", vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021 before notary Harisha.G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NANE
I, **RAKSHITH N. SHASTRY**, S/o Late Naresh .R, aged 39 years, R/o No. 409-C, 4th Cross, 15th Main, Shantiniketan Layout, Arekere, Bengaluru-560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAKSHITH .N** to **RAKSHITH N. SHASTRY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAKSHITH N. SHASTRY** only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JAYASHREE .R.S** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **RAKSHA VENKATESWARAN** (New Name), previously called **RAKSHA VENKATESHWARAN**, (Old Name), aged about 18 years, D/o Mr. N. VENKATESWARAN, resident at No. 229/2/5, 2nd Block, Gurumurthy Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka, India do hereby solemnly declare and states that I have changed my name from **RAKSHA VENKATESHWARAN** to **RAKSHA VENKATESWARAN** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public Mr. **K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 31/03/2021 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHHOTELAL NAI**, S/o Radhesyam Nai, R/a #72, Door No. 150, 2nd Main, 8th Block, Opp Koramangala Police Station, Bangalore-560095, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHHOTELAL NAI** to **AMIT KUMAR NAI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **AMIT KUMAR NAI** only, vide affidavit dated 31-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **UMME SALMA**, W/o Satish Kumar, aged about 30 years, R/a No. 11, Anram Nilaya, Ward No. 6, Shikaripalya Road, Gollahalli, Electronic City Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **UMME SALMA** and **SUSHMA SATHISH KUMAR** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUSHMA SATHISH KUMAR** only, vide affidavit dated 16-02-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MUNISWAMY .T** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL RAHIMAN SALAM**, on behalf of Minor Son, **MOHAMMED RIYAHAN**, R/o No. 8, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Near Sadiq Masjid, Ashwath Nagar, S.R.K. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **MOHAMMED RIYAHAN** to **MOHAMMED REHAN**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED REHAN** only, vide affidavit dated 31-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAM ROHIT**, S/o Pradeep Kumar Devatha Nagaraj, R/o No. 152, 29th Cross, 17th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAM ROHIT** to **SRIRAM PRADEEP DEVATHA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SRIRAM PRADEEP DEVATHA** only, vide affidavit dated 26-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VSN UDAYA SREE KALLAKURI**, Spouse of Ramesh Kumar Kallakuri, Residing at No. 30/2, 4th Cross, Kariyappa layout, RMV 2nd Stage PO, Behind New BEL Road, Bangalore-560094, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from VSN **UDAYA SREE KALLAKURI** to **R V S N UDAYA SREE**, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2021 before Notary Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAJIDA**, Spouse of MD Jamir Ali, Residing at SMQ 204/1, HQ Training Command, IAF, JC NAGAR POST, HEBBAL, BANGALORE - 560 006, have changed my name from **MAJIDA** to **MOJIDA BEGUM**, vide affidavit dated 31-03-2021 before Notary Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Bhavya, W/o Nagaraj (Natural Guardian and Mother of **PANKAJ N GOWDA**), aged about 30 years, R/at Hodikegatta Village, Dabbegatta Hobli, Turuvekere taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka. I have changed my minor Son's name from **PANKAJ N GOWDA** to **PRAVANEETH** Vide affidavit dated 10/03/2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No.7241348P Rank: DFR: NAVET, Name: **NETTURI PEDDA OBULESU** Residing at #7-16-20-40, Kondakindi Palem, Giddalur, Dist-Prakasam, A.P. - 523357 Have Changed My Name From **PEDDA OBULESUN** to **NETTURI PEDDA OBULESU** and My Date of Birth is 10.07.1979 (Ten, Seven, Nineteen Seventy Nine) vide affidavit dated: 27.03.2021 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NETTURI RIHANA** W/o. No. 7241348P, Rank: DFR: NAVET, Name: **NETTURI PEDDA OBULESU** Residing at #7-16-20-40, Kondakindi Palem, Giddalur, Dist- Prakasam, A.P. - 523357 Have Changed My Name From **RIHANA** to **NETTURI RIHANA** and My Date of Birth is 05.07.1987 (Five, Seven, Nineteen Eighty Seven) vide affidavit dated: 27.03.2021 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAROJA.B.KARIGOLANNAVAR**, W/o. Channabasappa Karamadi, Resding at No.11/2, Raghavendra Krupa, 4th Main Road, K.H.M Block, Ganganagar, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, Have changed my previous name **SAROJA.B.KARIGOLANNAVAR**, to New Name **SAROJINI KARIGULANNAVAR**, Vide Affidavit Dated 30-03-2021, Before The Notary Leela, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAHNAVI PIDURU**, previously called **GANESAM BUJJAMMA**, presently residing at #904, 5th 'A' Cross, Chowdeshwari Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'GANESAM BUJJAMMA'** to **"JAHNAVI PIDURU"** vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **GAGAN KUMAR SHETTY**, previously called **GAGANA**, S/o Radhakrishna, Age 23 years, Residing at Near Jigani Tent, Behind SNS High School, Jigani, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560105. Hereby declare that **"GAGAN KUMAR SHETTY"** and **"GAGANA"** both the names are one and the same and belongs to me only. Vide affidavit dated 28.03.2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary C N Sreekanta Sastry, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **V. POOJA REDDY**, previously called **POOJA REDDY** D/o V. Yugandhar Reddy, R/at. Site No.5, House No.7, P.M.Nilaya, 4th floor, 9th Main, 4th Cross, Navodaya Nagar, JP Nagara 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'POOJA REDDY' to "V. POOJA REDDY"**, vide Affidavit dated 31.03.2021 Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public R.S. Vijay, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B.L. SHILPA**, W/o Umesha .L, aged about 36 years, R/at No.87, 3rd Main, Prakruthinagara, Thotadaguddahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-73, have changed my daughter's name from **MANASVI .U** to **YASHIKA .U**, vide affidavit dated 29.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary D.G. SHANTHAPPA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUPRITH REDDY YELLAREDDY**, R/at No. 428, Nallurahalli, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, Karnataka, have changed my name from **SUPREETH YELLAREDDY** to **SUPRITH REDDY YELLAREDDY**, vide affidavit dated 30.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary N. SHANKAR, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(Old Name) Sunehri**, M/o of No 14869474K Nk (Clk) Manjit, residing at Village-Bahelba, Teh-Meham, Distt-Rohtak, State Haryana, have changed my name from **(Old Name) Sunehri** to **(New Name) Sunehari** and my correct D.O.B 01/01/1979 vide affidavit dated 13/03/2021 sworn before Notary Rajesh Panwar Meham (Haryana).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARAVANAN B**, S/o Balaraj, aged about 41 years, No. 723, 1st Main, Dommalur Layout, Bengaluru, have changed my daughter's name from **PRIYANKA RANJITHA** to **VEDIKA MANYA SHIVAM**, vide affidavit dated 26.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) P.E.RATHNAMMA REDDY**, residing at No. 2684, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) P.E.RATHNAMMA REDDY** to **(NEW NAME) RATHNA.P.E** vide affidavit Dated 31/03/2021 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEMAVATHI .M**, aged about 39 years, D/o Late G. Maraiah, R/at. No.58, Vinayaka School Road, Indiranagar, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore-562123, have changed my name from **HEMAVATHI .M** to **HEMA .M**, vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary CHANDRASHEKARAIAH .S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S.M AMBIKA**, Wife of Army No: 13625046L, Rank: L/NK, Name: Manikantan. N, Permanent Address residing at Pallichal, Nemom, Nemon, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram -695020, Kerala, that I have changed my name from **AMBIKA** to **S.M AMBIKA**, my Date of Birth is 23.09.1983, vide Affidavit dated 31.03.2021, before notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **Army No: 13625046L**, Rank: L/NK, Name: Manikantan. N, Permanent Address residing at Pallichal, Nemom, Nemon, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram-695020, Kerala, I state that in my service record my father's name is wrongly mentioned as **NAGARAJAN** instead of his correct name is **NAGARAJAN R**, his Date of Birth is 01.01.1951, vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021, before notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **Army No: 13625046L**, Rank: L/NK, Name: Manikantan. N, Permanent Address residing at Pallichal, Nemom, Nemon, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram-695020, Kerala, I state that in my service record my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **VIJAYAM** instead of her correct name is **VIJAYAKUMARI. K.**, her Date of Birth is 25.06.1959, vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021, before notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) NAGEENA BEGUM**, residing at No. 198, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Rahmath Nagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NAGEENA BEGUM** to **(NEW NAME) NAGEENA BANO** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHREYAS KRISHNA KUMAR MENON**, residing at No. 503, Block 2CE, K. Narayanapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHREYAS KRISHNA KUMAR MENON** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMAD REHAN** vide affidavit Dated 31/03/2021 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

QuoteExpress IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING › WINSTON CHURCHILL

More than 80% of Covid-19 patients who have to be intubated in Brazil have died since the start of the second wave of infections, as per researchers at Fiocruz. The mortality rate since Feb 15 — 83.5% — is far higher than in countries such as Mexico, Britain, Germany or Italy, highlighting how the South American country's hospitals are being overwhelmed.

100% efficacy of Pfizer vax in children

MEDICINE

BERLIN: BioNTech-Pfizer said Wednesday their vaccine showed 100 percent efficacy against the coronavirus in 12 to 15 year olds, as they eye approval for adolescents to get the jabs before the next school year.

Phase 3 trials carried out on 2,260 adolescents in the United States "demonstrated 100 percent efficacy and robust antibody responses", the companies said in a statement.

"We plan to submit these data to (US regulator) FDA as a proposed amendment to our Emergency Use Authorisation in the coming weeks and to other regulators around the world, with the hope of starting to vaccinate this age group before the start of the next school year," said Pfizer chief executive Albert Bourla.

Both the United States and the European Union have approved the shot's use for people aged 16 and above. Since then, it has been used in millions of adults in more than 65 countries.

A real world study involving 1.2 million people in Israel found it to be 94% effective.

With the world scrambling to inoculate, BioNTech said Tuesday it was on track to manufacture 2.5 billion doses of its vaccine this year.

The vaccine is also being produced at a Pfizer plant in Belgium and at three sites in the United States.

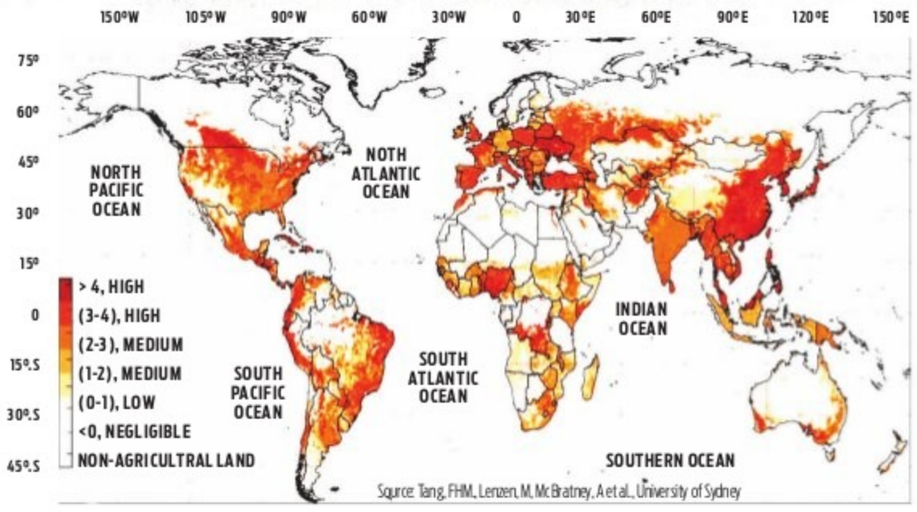
BioNTech and Pfizer last week began studies of the jab on children, with the first group of five-to-11 year olds getting the vaccine.

A younger cohort of two-to-five year olds are expected to get their first vaccine dose next week in the study which will also cover children as young as six months old.

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

64% of agricultural land at high pollution risk, finds study

A third of the planet's agricultural land is at "high risk" of pesticide pollution from the lingering residue of chemical ingredients that can leach into water supplies and threaten biodiversity, according to research published in *Nature Geoscience*



PESTICIDE RISK SCORES: The map from University of Sydney shows the risk scores of pesticide use in global agriculture, based on the impact on soil, the atmosphere and surface and ground water. Pesticide use is expected to only increase in the future, in order to meet the needs of a burgeoning global population, which is expected to touch 8.5 billion in 2030

FARM EXPANSION

The use of pesticides has soared globally as agricultural production has expanded, prompting growing fears over environmental damage and calls to cut hazardous chemical use

1,000 TIMES

Regions are considered to be high risk if residues of at least one of the pesticide ingredients were estimated to be at least 1,000 times greater than concentrations that would produce no effect

92

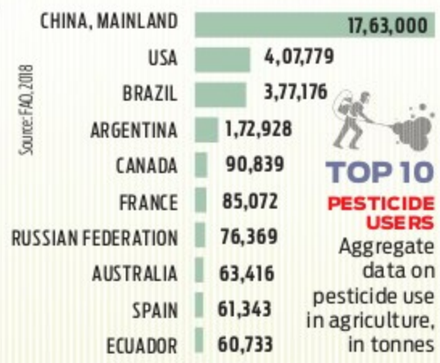
active pesticide ingredients studied

24.5 MN KM²

of land globally is at risk of pesticide pollution from more than one active ingredient, and 31% is at high risk

POISONING OF WATER

The study did not look directly at impacts on human health, but researchers said the leaching of pesticides into water used for drinking could pose a risk and called for a greater analysis into contamination of rivers, estuaries and lakes. Surface water is the most vulnerable because run-off can pollute waterways



TOP 10 PESTICIDE USERS Aggregate data on pesticide use in agriculture, in tonnes

RELIANCE ON PESTICIDES

In 2019 the UN's Global Environment Outlook called for reduced pesticide use and said food production is not only the main driver of biodiversity loss, but is also a major polluter of air, freshwater and seawater, particularly when farming is over-reliant on chemical pesticides and fertilisers

STUDY METHOD

Researchers used estimates of pesticide application rates drawn from the United States Geological Survey data and country-based information from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

They fed this into a mathematical model and used it to estimate pesticide residues potentially remaining in the environment. Researchers looked at 59 herbicides, 21 insecticides and 19 fungicides

168

countries surveyed. The study highlighted several acutely vulnerable ecosystems in South Africa, China, India, Australia and Argentina, at the nexus of high pollution risk, high water scarcity and high biodiversity

Killer T cells boost immunity to virus variants

Crucial white blood cells that clear off the disease could recognise 3 major strains

RESEARCH

WASHINGTON: The emergence of coronavirus variants has provoked concern about their impact on the effectiveness of vaccines, and whether people who were previously infected might be more susceptible to reinfection.

But in welcome news, a new study on Tuesday showed that a key player in the immune response, called the "killer T cell," remained mostly unaffected. The finding is encouraging because although these white blood cells are not a first line defense against infection, they can help prevent severe disease.

Scientists at the National Institutes of Health and Johns Hopkins University analyzed blood samples from 30 people who had contracted and recovered from Covid-19 prior to the emergence of variants.

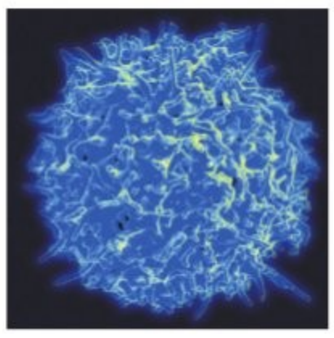
They published their findings in Open Forum Infectious Diseases, an Oxford University Press journal.

The team wanted to know whether these cells, known by their technical name "CD8+ T cells," could still recognize three variants of SARS-CoV-2: B.1.1.7, first found in Britain, B.1.351, identified in South Africa, and B.1.1.248, first seen in Brazil.

What makes each of these variants unique is the mutations they carry, especially in a region of the virus' spike protein, structures that stud its surface and allow it to invade cells. It has already been shown that mutations to this region of the spike protein make some variants less recognisable to neutralizing antibodies -- infection fighting proteins produced by the immune system's B cells. This seems to be particularly true, for instance, of B.1.351, according to research on the impact of current generation Covid vaccines.

In the new study, the researchers found that the killer T cell responses remained largely intact and could recognize virtually all mutations in the variants studied.

The researchers noted that larger studies are needed to confirm the results, but said that it nevertheless demonstrated that killer T cells are less susceptible to mutations in the coronavirus than neutralizing antibodies are.



A scanning electron micrograph of a human T lymphocyte (also called a T cell) from the immune system of a healthy donor | NIAID VIA AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Shark-repelling tech saves lives

TECHNOLOGY

Systematic use of electronic devices designed to repel sharks could prevent a total of 1,036 people from being bitten by the apex predators in Australian waters over the next five decades. If extended to other regions where shark attacks are relatively common, the potential for avoiding injury and death is far higher, as per a study in *Royal Society Open Science*. A team of marine ecologists examined records of shark attacks in Australia stretching back 120 years, looking for patterns. They found that some variance in the "bite rate" -- the ratio of bites to people over time -- could be explained by El Nino and La Nina fluctuations. Projecting those changes into the future, the scientists tallied the number of bites that could be avoided if people wore electronic shark deterrents.

China vax data lacking: WHO

MEDICINE

WHO vaccine experts said an interim analysis of clinical trial data from two Chinese Covid-19 vaccines showed they demonstrated "safety and good efficacy", but that more data was needed. The Chinese firms Sinovac and Sinopharm, whose Covid jabs are already being used in several countries, have submitted data in applications for the World Health Organization's emergency use listing green light. The UN health agency's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization said it had reviewed the data, and that both vaccines "demonstrated safety and good efficacy against symptomatic" Covid-19. However, it warned, "both vaccines lacked data in older age groups and in persons with co-morbidities".

Mice study hints at cure to stress-related hair loss

HEALTH

TOKYO: Stressed mice shed fur because a hormone produced when they are under pressure interrupts normal growth cycles, as per a new study that could offer hope for treating humans. The research in *Nature* sheds light for the first time on why stressful situations can result in hair loss. And it finds a way to reverse the shedding, though researchers say more work is needed to know if the results apply to humans.

Hair growth follows three main phases: the anagen cycle of growth, the catagen cycle of degeneration and the telogen cycle of rest.

> Given the potent effect of Gas6 [protein] on promoting hair follicle stem cell activity, it might be interesting to see if Gas6 might be helpful for promoting hair growth in general, beyond stress
>
> Ya-Chieh Hsu, associate professor at Harvard

Researchers wondered if hormones produced during stressful situations were having a direct effect on hair. Stressed humans produce a hormone called cortisol, while in mice the equivalent is called corticosterone, produced by the adrenal gland.

To test corticosterone's role, they removed the adrenal gland from a group of test mice and compared their hair cycles with those of control mice.

Those with the gland removed – dubbed ADX mice -- had significantly shorter telogen rest cycles, and their hair grew more and for longer periods during the anagen phase. The ADX mice also went into hair growth cycles repeatedly: 10 times over 16 months, compared to just three for the control mice.

The study then looked at the effect of elevated corticosterone, examining mice fed the hormone and those subjected to external stress. In both groups, the mice experienced extended rest cycles, meaning it took longer for new fur to come in.

But how exactly does corticosterone do this? The researchers honed in on a protein called Gas6, which is key to stimulating normal hair growth. They found increased corticosterone was stifling Gas6 production. By injecting Gas6 into the skin of mice with elevated corticosterone, the researchers found they could counteract that effect.

Covid vaccine for animals gets Russia nod

MEDICINE

MOSCOW: Russia announced on Wednesday it had registered what it said was the world's first coronavirus vaccine for animals, describing the step as important to disrupting mutations.

It said mass production of the vaccine could begin in April. The agriculture oversight agency, Rosselkhoznadzor, said the vaccine called Carnivak-Cov had been tested beginning Oct on dogs, cats, mink, foxes and other animals and was proven to be effective.

"All test animals that were vaccinated developed antibodies to coronavirus in 100 % of cases," said Konstantin Savenkov, the agency's deputy head.

"It is the world's first and only product for preventing Covid-19 in animals," he said.

Rosselkhoznadzor said the development of its shot would help prevent mutations in animals and cited Denmark's decision to cull 15 million mink last year after some were found to be carrying a mutated variant.

"The use of the vaccine, according to Russian scientists, can prevent the development of virus mutations," the statement said.

The agency added that animal-breeding facilities and private companies from countries including Greece, Poland, Austria, the United States, Canada and Singapore had expressed interest in Carnivak-Cov.

Military officials in Russia's second city Saint Petersburg announced earlier this week that army dogs would undergo mandatory vaccination before being deployed at airports and participating in nationwide World War II commemorations in May.

China pushes to displace blame for virus origin

SCIENCE SPIN

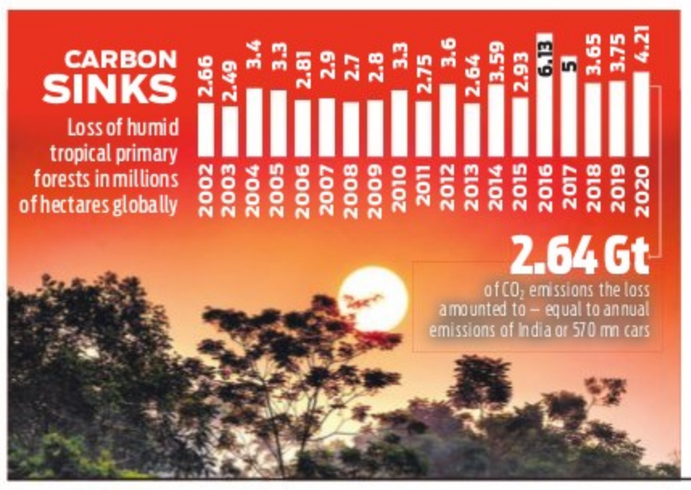
BEIJING: Chinese health officials pushed Wednesday to expand the search for the origins of the coronavirus beyond China, one day after the release of a closely watched World Health Organization report on the issue. Experts agree that the virus could have come from elsewhere, with neighbouring countries in Southeast Asia a prime possibility, but China's insistence on broadening the research seems partly politically motivated.

THIN BLADES

NASA's Ingenuity Mars helicopter is fully extended under the Perseverance rover, in this image released on Wednesday, ahead of its fight flight | NASA

GLOBAL CRISIS

Rise in tropical primary forest destruction in 2020 equal to India's annual CO_2 emissions



CLIMATE

PARIS: An area of pristine rainforest the size of the Netherlands was burned or hacked down last year, as the destruction of the planet's tropical forests accelerated despite a global economic slowdown, according to research Wednesday.

The worst losses were in Brazil, three times higher than the next highest country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to a report from Global Forest Watch based on satellite data.

Across the tropics, the study registered the destruction in 2020 of 4.2 million hectares of primary forest -- 12% higher than the year before.

Ecosystems straddling the equator shelter abundant biodiversity and store vast amounts of carbon. In total, the tropics lost 12.2 million hectares of tree cover -- including forests and plantations -- last year, driven largely by agriculture.

But researchers said extreme heat and drought also stoked huge fires that consumed swathes of forest across Australia, Siberia and deep into the Amazon.

These losses are a "climate emergency. They're a biodiversity crisis, a humanitarian disaster, and a loss of economic opportunity", said Frances Seymour of the World Resources Institute, which is behind the report.

The study found some evidence that Covid-19 restrictions may have had an effect around the world – with an increase in illegal harvesting because forests were left less protected, or the return of large numbers of people to rural areas.

But researchers said there was little sign that the pandemic had changed the trajectory of forest destruction and warned that the worst could be still to come if countries slash protections in an attempt to ramp up economic growth.

But Seymour said the most "ominous signal" from the 2020 data is the instances of forests themselves falling victim to climate change.

"I mean, wetlands are burning," she said. "Nature has been whispering this risk to us for a long time. But now she is shouting."

Plants -- especially in the tropics -- and soil comprise an enormous carbon sink, sucking up roughly a third of all the carbon pollution humans produce annually.

Yet tropical forests continue to disappear rapidly, threatening irreparable losses to Earth's crucial biodiversity.

"The longer we wait to stop deforestation, and get other sectors on to net zero trajectories, the more likely it is that our natural carbon sinks will go up in smoke," Seymour said. Brazil lost 1.7 million hectares of primary forest in 2020, an increase of 25 percent from 2019, the report said.

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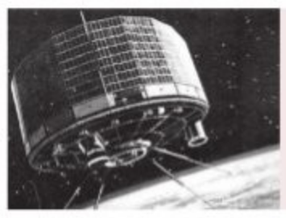

DAY'S DIARY

TIROS 1 launched

On April 1, 1960, TIROS 1, a satellite designed by the Radio Corporation of America (RCA), launched to become the nation's first weather satellite

WEATHER PATTERNS

Television InfraRed Observational Satellite, or TIROS 1, operated for only 78 days but demonstrated the feasibility of monitoring Earth's cloud cover and weather patterns from space

THE DESIGN

Equipped with specially designed miniature television cameras, infrared detectors, and videotape recorders, they were able to provide global weather coverage at 24-hour intervals

THE LEGACY

Of the 10 TIROS satellites, the last one — TIROS 10 — was launched in 1965. From 1969 a series of advanced weather satellites known as Nimbus largely supplanted TIROS

'Yuvarathnaa will interest today's youth'

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German Consul General Achim Burkart speaks to *CE* about his initial months in India, how Germany and Bengaluru share similar historical ties, and more

OF CONNECTIONS AND CULTURE

SANATH PRASAD

frankly speaking

IN a family full of journalists, Achim Burkart's choice to pursue diplomacy came as a surprise. Having been posted in Egypt, Namibia, Vietnam and Berlin, Burkart – whose father, grandfather and wife are all media persons – is now heading the German Consulate in Bengaluru as Consul General - a journey he took on in August last year. "I have learnt so many things, but I am far from having learnt everything," he says. While it may have been just eight months since he arrived, it didn't take him long to throw himself into the deep end as he got involved with multiple projects related to business, culture and travel.

With a childhood spent in Bonn, Germany, Burkart recalls how the city was surrounded by diplomats during the '70s, which instilled in him a similar drive for the field. And promoting culture is at the heart of his diplomatic mission. Case in point: The consulate's initiative to fund a documentary, *Maharaja's German Gardener,* directed by Ganesh Shakar Raj. The film features the works of German botanist Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel. "He has extensively helped shape landscapes and the architecture of Karnataka. He was the master of gardens in the erstwhile Mysore kingdom and has also contributed in shaping Bengaluru's landscape. Even though Germany is 8,000 km away, a shared history brings us closer," says Burkart. The effort doesn't stop there. The consulate is also digitising the works of Ferdinand Kittel, a German missionary, who published the first Kannada to English dictionary during the 19th century.

Having joined the consulate in the middle of the pandemic, Burkart spent his initial months in India spearheading relief measures. "We evacuated close to 500 German nationals back to the country from Karnataka. We also funded close to ₹3 crore to many private NGOs and institutions in Karnataka to help hospitals get their medical supply and sanitation tools," says Burkart, who also heads the German consulate in Kerala. This, however, was not his first time handling a challenging crisis. The 60-year-old calls his first diplomatic posting in Cairo, Egypt his toughest foreign soil mission so far. "During the mid '90s, radical terrorists indiscriminately opened fire against German tourists. We had to protect a lot of people. They went after the Egyptian government and attacked Western tourists to kill tourism, which was the country's second largest revenue source. It was one of the toughest missions," he recalls.

While the pandemic has played spoilsport, Burkart's time in Bengaluru has not been all work and no play. Donning a chef's hat is something he enjoys as well, with his skills extending to Italian, Chinese, German and Indian cuisines. "I love the Indian curry that is mixed with masalas," he says. And although the diplomat has not ventured much beyond the city, he did pay a visit to UNESCO World Heritage site Hampi with his wife in February. That he is a culture and history buff is evident when talks about the Vijayanagara empire. "Hampi is an important place of archaeological significance. It is a rare place to visit and the structural framework of the monuments is revealing," he says.

Adapting to different cultures is important. So, now that I am posted in Bengaluru, I want my children to learn and speak Kannada

— Achim Burkart, German Consul General

PIC: MEGHANA SASTRY

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Prakash Padukone 2)Chamrajpet 3)Someshwara Temple

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Nagaraja Guptha
2) Vignesh Revanur
3) Anil Kumar Janardanan

Winning bells: City's short play festival announces prizes

EXPRESS FEATURES

THEATRE persons put their best foot forward at the finale of the Bengaluru Short Play Festival 2021, which was held recently at KEA Prabhath Rangamandira. The best play as per the jury's choice was awarded to *Sikdaurga Seerunde* which was performed by You and Me Theatre. Under the same category, *Phoo* by Bengaluru Theatre Ensemble bagged an award as per the audience choice.

The event, organised by Pravara Theatre and Akhvagosha Trust, also awarded Dr Beluru Raghunandan as the 'best director' for the play *Saaku Magalu*. It was performed by Rangachirantana. The story is based on the love life of a transgender and youngster.

The 'best actor' award was bagged by Viveka for the play Sikdaurga Seerunde, while Vedika won the 'best actor--female' for *Hannondane Deepavali*, staged by ShuddiRanga group. According to Hanu Ramasanjeeva, artistic director of the Bengaluru Short Play Festival, the event aimed to bring new writers to the limelight. "The objective was to bring new writers and new stories. Usually, we find very similar plots and run-of-mill storylines. This event definitely gave scope to the new writers I believe."

The festival also had a special recognition for an original script, which was bagged by Amrutha Shettar for the play *Hannondane Deepavali*. Senior theatre personality, film actor and director B Suresh inaugurated the event by delivering a message on World Theatre Day written by Helen Mirren, a stage artiste from the United Kingdom.

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Hanu Ramasanjeeva, artistic director

CITY READ

Centre for antennas launched

The Centre for Antennas and Radio Frequency systems (CARFS) at M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology Bangalore was inaugurated on March 24. The centre includes design, simulation, fabrication and testing of antenna and RF devices. The design and simulation service includes providing consultancy in complete design and simulation of antennas and RF devices. The centre is open for all academicians and industry members for utilisation.

Hotel bags LEED Zero Carbon Certification

ITC Windsor, Bengaluru is the first hotel in the world to achieve a LEED Zero Carbon Certification. It has been accorded this distinction by the USGBC (United States Green Building Council). The hotel is powered by its own wind turbine generators and uses energy-efficient technologies.

Pranitha Subhash is trying to save Model High School, which is staring at a shutdown

SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

EXPRESS FEATURES

EACH time there is news of a city heritage structure shutting down, it breaks many hearts. It was a similar scene when there was news of The Model High School in Chamarajpet having to forcibly close due to no student enrolment from the last three years. Being proactive about the goings-on, actor Pranitha Subhash has come forward to help the school – the very first Kannada medium school built in 1870 – garner the attention of the government, an attempt to preserve the school. Subhash has also offered to help the school as much as she can from her foundation, the Pranitha Foundation.

Taking to social media, Subhash tweeted, "Saddened to see that such an institution is so close to where I live. I humbly request the intervention of the state government. We at @pranithafounda1 will be happy to help in whatever little manner possible @cmofkarnataka (sic)". Speaking to *CE*, Subhash says the school holds an emotional place for her and the city, since late actor Vishnuvardhan was an alumnus of the school. "It is sad to see it in such a bad condition. There's an emotional connect for me since Vishnu sir studied at the school," says Subhash, adding, "Of course, I want to help through my foundation, but since it's a government school, we are trying to get the attention of local authorities to restore the school."

Sandalwood director-actor **Rishab Shetty** also retweeted Subhash's tweet, urging the state government to look into the matter, and thanked the actor for this initiative. This is not the first time that the Pokiri star is taking such an initiative. Her organisation has helped revive a government school in Hassan, where her father studied. "The biggest problem with these schools, unlike private schools, is that they don't have proper infrastructure to give quality education. I feel this is my way of giving back," says the actor, who is all set to make her Hindi debut with *Bhuj: The Pride of India*, and is also one of the leads in Priyadarshan's *Hungama 2*.

Model High School has had no student enrolment for some years

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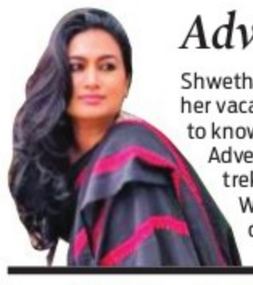
Pranitha Subhash, Sandalwood actor

Wise words

Actor Karthik Jayaram's mantra is all about moving ahead by surpassing challenges. Posting pictures on social media, the actor said, "Life is truly known only to those who suffer, lose, endure adversity and stumble from defeat to defeat."



Adventure time

Shwetha Srivatsav posted a video of her enjoying her vacation in Ooty and said, "Do you really want to know why am attempting all of these Adventure activities like wall climbing, trekking, high rope traversing & many more?" Well, the actor is treating herself to some chocolate cake.

Rising and shining

21 stories from 28 states...This new campaign captures tales of the differently-abled in time for World Autism Awareness Day on April 2

SANATH PRASAD

STORIES of struggle, courage and triumph. As the differently-abled fight to find their way towards inclusivity, The India Inclusion Foundation (IIF), a non-profit organisation based in Bengaluru, launched a new campaign 'Everyone is Good at Something'. Founded by technologist VR Ferose, this campaign captures the stories of 21 special individuals from 28 states in India. The website, which carries inspiring photo stories from across the country, was virtually launched on Tuesday, as a part of the India Inclusion Summit, one of the initiatives of IIF. This is also in time for World Autism Awareness Day on April 2.

The idea is to celebrate the lives of differently-abled individuals throughout the year while identifying stories mainly from rural India, says Ferose, who is father to a young autistic boy. "The focus of the campaign is to throw light on stories from rural India and share their works through photos and videos as much as possible. More importantly, the campaign's objective is to highlight the disability laws that no one is aware of," he explains.

The campaign is spearheaded by volunteers of IIF, with 15 people managing works like content writing, photography, video, editing, translation, and more. While some corporates and individuals have come forward to fund the campaign, Ferose prefers to keep the details anonymous.

Vicky Roy, who documented the photos and videos across states, commenced his journey in December 2020 and started his journey in Kashmir, then travelling to Delhi, Chandigarh, Kerala, and Assam, among other places. "Travelling to different states and interacting with the individuals was a great experience. Learning their stories was insightful and inspiring. Many of them shared how they achieved their dreams despite their disability," says Roy, who is currently covering stories in rural Karnataka.

Our biggest challenge in terms of disability awareness is that people don't know the Rights of PWD Act

- V R Ferose, technologist

Stressing on the lack of awareness about Rights of Persons With Disability (PWD) Act – which aims to provide equal opportunities and protection of rights – Ferose says, "Our biggest challenge in terms of disability awareness is that people don't know the much about this act. Currently, we are using augmented reality through our website to explain the law in simple words, using out Mascot Inclu and explaining stories that even a child can understand." The campaign features Major D P Singh, who is India's first blade runner and **Dhanya Ravi**, founder of Aasmaan Foundation Trust, which conceived the idea of a fashion show starring persons with disabilities, among others.

For more details, visit everyoneisgoodatsomething.com

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

UGADI UTSAVA

Attend this event where different artisans will come together under one roof. The works on display include block printed traditional games from South Karnataka with coins made from different states. **When:** Till April 14 **Where:** Studio Tamaala, JP Nagar

CHOCO TREAT

Indulge in an eggless homemade Chocolate Pudding Parfait. The pudding is layered with pieces of fresh chocolate cake, whipped cream and chocolate shavings. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Magnolia Bakery at Phoenix Marketcity

LIVE GIG

Groove to the tunes of Monkeys Can't Fly, a progressive rock band, based in Bengaluru. They combine genres of rock and metal. **When:** April 1, 8.30pm **Where:** Hard Rock Cafe St. Marks Road

EASTER BRUNCH

Bring in Easter with a brunch, a live band setting and an array of dishes like antipasti, cheeses of the world, fresh salads, watermelon gazpacho and pineapple, seafood station, pizza and more. **When:** April 4, 12.30pm onwards **Where:** CUR8, Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru

FARMER'S MARKET: Attend this santhe to check out sustainable brands and their products. **WHEN & WHERE:** April 4, The Courtyard, Shanti Nagar

Wonder Woman range

SUGAR Cosmetics launches their first-ever product collaboration SUGAR X WONDER WOMAN. The range debuts a bravely-pigmented lipsticks in three finishes and two fearless mixed palettes – 24-HR Lip Lacquer, Creamy Matte Lipstick, Everlasting Matte Lipstick, Mixed Palette - 01 Cosmos Conqueror and Mixed palette - 02 Primal President. The range is priced from ₹599. **Available at:** www.sugarcosmetics.com and all SUGAR exclusive stores and kiosks

Pupper party

Pet Fed is bringing a Pupper Party at URU Brewpark. The idea behind this is to bring together pet parents over breakfast. The event will also have games for humans and dogs. These include games like Building Biscuits, Fetch, Snoopy Says, Temptation Alley etc. **When:** April 4, 8-11.30 am **Where:** URU Brewpark, Bannerghatta Road **For reservation:** 080-40511500

Festive feel

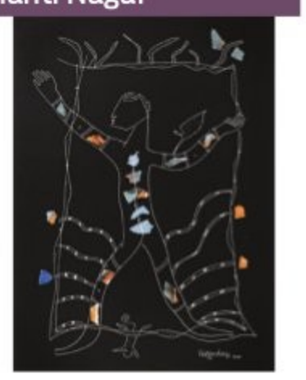
Get your house Easter-ready with this range of runners and placemats from The Yellow Dwelling. For more info, call: 9606246004

RETAIL THERAPY

The Souled Store now has a new Supima collection for men and women, available in summer colours like white, peach, lavender, navy blue and pink. **Where:** thesouledstore.com

Mediterranean delight

Foodhall's new Mediterranean Cafe Menu features Za'atar Avo Toast, Herb Mushroom Talleggio Toast, Marrakesh Couscous Bowl, and more. These new dishes can be paired them with Frozen Hot Chocolate and Passionfruit and Thyme Lemonade. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Foodhall@1 MG, MG Road



Art exhibition

An exhibition of collages by S G Vasudev has been extended till this weekend. **When:** Till April 3 **Where:** Gallery Sumukha, Wilson Garden

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN? We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

PARATHA UPMA

INGREDIENTS

- **Onion:** 1, large ■ **Tomato:** 1, medium
- **Curd:** 1/2 cup ■ **Green chillies:** 2 chopped
- **Mustard seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Cumin powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt** to taste
- **Lemon** and **Coriander leaves** for garnish
- **Mustard/refined/coconut oil:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Heat the oil in a pan. Add the mustard and cumin seeds. Once it crackles, add onions and sauté till translucent. Add tomatoes and green chilli and sauté on a medium flame for a minute. Add the spices, curd and a splash of water. Sauté for 30 seconds.
- Lower heat; cover and cook for 3-4 minutes until the oil separates. Tear the parathas into small pieces, add them to the masalas. Add salt and mix them well for 1 minute.
- Garnish with coriander leaves, place a slice of lemon and serve.

— Srabani Ganguly, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

DEATH, SEX & MONEY

This podcast addresses the big questions and hard choices that are often left out of polite conversation. Host Anna Sale talks to people about relationships, money, family, work and making it all count while we're here.

- On Apple Podcasts

MASTERS OF SCALE WITH REID HOFFMAN

Iconic CEOs – from Nike to Netflix, Starbucks to Slack – share the stories & strategies that helped them grow from start-ups into global brands.

- On Spotify

THIS MOVIE CHANGED ME

In each episode, host and lifelong movie fanatic Lily Percy guides guests to explore and celebrate the transformative role movies play in their lives.

- On Apple Podcasts

BECOMING WISE

This podcast offers depth and discovery in the time it takes to make a cup of tea. Each episode is curated from hundreds of big conversations with wise and graceful lives.

- On Apple Podcasts

THE YES THEORY PODCAST

Yes Theory co-founders Matt, Ammar, and Thomas are turning off the cameras and turning on the mics to reflect upon how discomfort actually might hold the keys to meaning and happiness.

- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

SAARATHI

Rukmini is forcefully taken hostage by her enemy, Pratap, who wants to marry her. When Raja, her lover and a rickshaw driver by profession, finds out, he sets out for her hometown to rescue her.

- Cast: Darshan, Deepa Sannidhi, R Sarathkumar

HUDUGARU

Prabhu, Chandru and Siddesh aspire to have a government job and try to lead a simple lifestyle. But their lives change dramatically when they attempt to unite two lovers.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Yogesh, Srinagar Kitty

HUBLI

A man, who is a terror to antisocial elements, loses his memory. He is chased by a policeman, who regards him as a terrorist.

- Cast: Sudeep, Rakshita

KANNUKKUL NILAVU

Gautham, a man with special needs, comes to Pondicherry. Hema, a carefree woman, befriends him and with the help of her father, who is a psychologist, unravels his horrific past life.

- Cast: Joseph Vijay, Shalini, Kaveri

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT NONPROFITS CAN LEARN FROM COCA-COLA BY MELINDA GATES

Melinda Gates makes a provocative case: What can nonprofits learn from mega-corporations like Coca-Cola, whose global network of marketers and distributors ensures that every remote village wants – and can get – an ice-cold Coke? Maybe this model could work for distributing health care, vaccinations, sanitation, even condoms...

2 URBAN ARCHITECTURE INSPIRED BY MOUNTAINS, CLOUDS AND VOLCANOES BY MA YANSONG

Taking inspiration from nature, architect Ma Yansong designs breathtaking buildings that break free from the boxy symmetry of so many modern cities. His exuberant and graceful work shows us the beauty of architecture that defies norms.

3 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE A DISEASE DOCTORS CAN'T DIAGNOSE BY JENNIFER BREA

TED Fellow Jennifer Brea describes the obstacles she's encountered in seeking treatment for her myalgic encephalomyelitis, whose root causes and physical effects we don't fully understand, as well as her mission to document the lives of patients that medicine struggles to treat.

4 3 LESSONS ON DECISION-MAKING FROM A POKER CHAMPION LIV BOEREE

Is it better to be lucky or good? Should we trust our gut feelings or rely on probabilities and careful analysis when making important decisions? In this quick talk, professional poker player Liv Boeree shares three strategies she's learned from the game and how we can apply them to real life.

5 THE MATH BEHIND BASKETBALL'S WILDEST MOVES BY RAJIV MAHESWARAN

Basketball is a fast-moving game of improvisation, contact and, ahem, spatio-temporal pattern recognition. Rajiv Maheswaran and his colleagues are analyzing the movements behind the key plays of the game, to help coaches and players combine intuition with new data.

FIT BIT

PASHINEE MUDRA

(NOOSE SEAL)

In Sanskrit, 'Pashinee' means noose and 'mudra' means seal. While performing this mudra, the body is further folded from Halasana to bring the knees closer to ears. This movement of the body mimics tying and pulling a noose, hence the name. Practising this gesture provides relaxing effects on the nervous system. Therefore, it is also known as folded psychic attitude. It is known to help practitioners overcome subconscious fears. It is practised assuming Halasana as the basic posture, hence, categorised as one of the Postural (kaya) mudras. It is a part of the Hatha Yoga practice that require flexibility, practice, and experience. However, the physical, energetic, and psychological benefits that it provides makes this mudra worth trying.

STEPS

- Lie down comfortably on your back. Then, perform Halasana (plough pose).
- Try to bring the legs about one and half feet apart.
- Bend both your legs and bring them as close as possible towards the shoulders and ears.
- The knees will touch the floor on either side of your head.
- Now cross your feet behind your neck.
- Make sure that the ankles rest against your neck.
- Legs/feet must be locked behind your head while your body reclines on the middle lower back.
- At this stage, bring your hands together and perform Namaskara Mudra at the chest.
- Slowly breathe in and also stretch your arms forward into Agra Mudra.
- Hold this gesture for a few seconds and then bring it back to the chest.
- Exhale gradually. This completes one cycle of this Mudra.
- Slowly release the bound legs from behind your head.
- Come back to the supine position.
- Breathe easily and relax in Shavasana (corpse pose).
- Repeat 3-9 times.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the muscles of the neck and back.
- Stimulates the nerves of the neck, energizes the entire nervous system.
- Stimulates spinal nerves.
- Loosens and relaxes the cervical vertebrae.
- Massages the thyroid and parathyroid glands.
- Enables release of fears from subconscious level.
- Helps in achieving Pratyahara i.e. withdrawal from the senses.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have any spinal condition or disorder, or diarrhoea, have a deep or recent neck injury, avoid this.
- Menstruating and pregnant women must avoid it.
- Practise on an empty stomach.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)

In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana - the quirky new cop in the town - has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.

Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

DHURUVANGAL PATHINAARU (Tamil)

A couple dies under mysterious circumstances and Inspector Deepak is assigned the case. However, he loses his leg in a confrontation during the investigation, which leads to the end of his career.

Cast: Rahman, Anjana Jayaprakash, Santosh Krishna

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PAGGLAIT (Hindi)

Widowed soon after marriage, a young woman grapples with an inability to grieve, quirky relatives and a startling discovery about her late husband.

Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Shruti Sharma, Ashutosh Rana, Sayani Gupta

- Watch on: Netflix

SHONA PAHAR (Bengali)

Upama, a woman in her 70s, drifts apart from Soumya, her only son who lives separately with his wife. However, an unlikely bond forms between her and Bitlu, a seven-year-old boy.

Cast: Tanuja, Parambrata Chatterjee, Arunima Ghosh, Soumitra Chatterjee

- Watch on: Netflix

C/O KANCHARAPALEM (Telugu)

Four love stories spanning age, religion, and status unfold in a small Indian town, from a schoolboy's crush to a middle-aged bachelor's office romance.

Cast: Praveena Paruchuri, Karthik Rathnam, Praneetha Patnaik, Subba Rao

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

EEB ALLAY OOO (Hindi)

Hired as a monkey repeller upon moving to Delhi, a young man struggles to find his footing in his unenviable job and his place in an unforgiving world.

Cast: Shardul Bhardwaj, Naina Sareen, Mahender Nath

- Watch on: Netflix

AJJI (Hindi)

When Ajji's granddaughter is raped, she finds that the police are unable to arrest the culprit as he is a local politician's son. Ajji decides to take matters into her own hands.

Cast: Sharvani Suryavanshi, Abhishek Banerjee, Sadiya Siddiqui, Smita Tambe

- Watch on: Netflix

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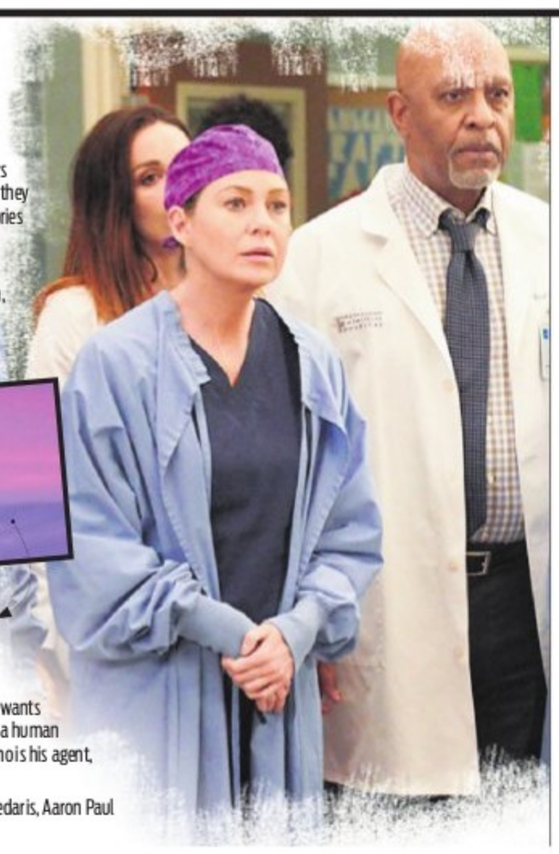


GREY'S ANATOMY

Surgical interns and their supervisors embark on a medical journey where they become part of heart-wrenching stories and make life-changing decisions in order to become the finest doctors.

Cast: Ellen Pompeo, Chandra Wilson, James Pickens Jr, Jesse Williams

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

BOJACK HORSEMAN

Once the star of a '90s sitcom, humanoid horse BoJack Horseman decides it's time for a comeback. He wants to regain his dignity. With the aid of a human sidekick and a feline ex-girlfriend who is his agent, he sets out to make it happen.

Cast: Will Arnett, Alison Brie, Amy Sedaris, Aaron Paul

- Watch on: Netflix

GRACE AND FRANKIE

For as long as they can recall, Grace and Frankie have been rivals. Their one-upmanship comes crashing to a halt, however, when they learn that their husbands have fallen in love with each other and want to get married. As everything around the ladies is coming apart, the only thing they can really rely on is each other.

Cast: Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Martin Sheen, Sam Waterston

- Watch on: Netflix

THE BOYS

What happens when the heroes go rogue and start abusing their powers? When it's the powerless against the super powerful, the Boys head out on a heroic quest to expose the truth about the Seven and Vought, the multibillion-dollar conglomerate that manages the superheroes and covers up their dirty secrets.

Cast: Karl Urban, Jack Quaid, Erin Moriarty, Antony Starr

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year

DON'T BACK DOWN

If you suffer from sciatica - lower back pain that radiates down to the legs - alternative therapy might provide the relief you need

Representational pic

DR G PRAKASH

A condition of lower back pain that radiates down to the legs, sciatica is most commonly found in people between 25 to 45 years of age. The condition derives its name from the sciatic nerve that branches down from the lower back through the hips to the legs. It is usually caused by a herniated disc that results in compression of a nerve, causing inflammation and pain in the areas affected by that particular nerve. While the intensity of pain is different from patient to patient, sciatica is a debilitating condition that negatively impacts quality of life.

In modern medicine, sciatica treatment involves the administration of anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxants, and corticosteroid injections. However, prolonged use of these drugs is associated with adverse side effects. When the condition is severe enough to cause bowel or bladder changes or significant leg weakness, surgical intervention to remove a part of the herniated disc is considered. On the other hand, alternative therapies such as acupuncture in conjugation with physiotherapy have been found to be highly useful in reducing sciatica pain without any negative repercussions or major surgical intervention.

Acupuncture

Acupuncture is a widely used alternative therapy derived from traditional Chinese medicine. It is based on the belief that a vital force or energy circulates between the organs of the human body via certain channels. The condition is a result of a disorder occurring in the normal functioning of these pathways that obstructs the flow of vital energy. Acupuncture practice uses very fine needles on concerned points to remove the channel obstruction and stimulate the flow of energy and blood circulation. Acupuncture points also stimulate sensory receptors which in turn induce the hypothalamus to release neurotransmitters and endorphins – two essential elements in the body's pain relief and healing mechanism. Acupuncture is useful for relief of chronic pain such as sciatica or arthritis pain.

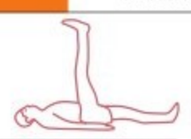
Physiotherapy

Physical therapy for sciatica patients may involve physiotherapists, chiropractors as well as spine rehabilitation experts working in tandem. This may be done in conjugation with conventional medicine as well as with acupuncture therapy. A physical therapist will examine the patient and prescribe a combination of therapies, including manual therapy, soft tissue mobilisation and multiple back strengthening or stretching exercises. This will also include exercises to correct spine posture and adaptive mechanisms to prevent injuries and restore mobility.

(The author is deputy-chief medical officer, Jindal Naturecure Institute)

YOGA

Yoga poses help align and strengthen the lower back while also helping to loosen the hip muscles. Here are a few yoga poses to try:



1 Ardha Halasana

This asana helps stretch the hamstring. It involves lying down on your back and gradually raising one leg up by keeping the knee straight. Maintain the position for some time and keep taking deep breaths before slowly bringing the leg down. Repeat with the other leg.

2 Ardha Matsyendra sanasana

This pose gives piriformis a mild stretch and also helps stretch the spine and back muscles while relieving stress on hip muscles. You have to sit on the floor, raise the knee up and twist your body one by one to each side. Twist your back as much as you comfortably can.

3 Gomukhasana

This is one of the best poses for lengthening and stretching the spine and back muscles. Sit on the floor in a staff pose. Then draw your legs towards each other so that your knees are stacked on each other. Then stretch out your arms behind your back, one stretching from down the shoulder and the other reaching out from down the other side. Now try to touch and hold the fingers of both hands together.

A healthy digestive system can go a long way in maintaining a good lifestyle. Here's how you can look after it well

Gut instinct

GET MOVING
Shwetambari Shetty

The gut is known to be the second brain and when your gut is not functioning the way it is supposed to, everything feels foggy. The gut is nothing but your digestive system and with the different kinds of food we eat, especially junk, we don't really make it easy for the digestive system to function well. Also, as we age, the natural cycles slow down and don't work as well.

There is the complex ecosystem of bacteria in your digestive system. A shift in this messes the gut, thereby causing inflammation, lower immunity, gas/bloating etc. Your body contains trillions of bacteria and microbes, most of which are beneficial. The most dense microbe population is in your gut, where they play a critical role in digestion, immune function and weight regulation. To maintain good gut health try to ensure:

1. Movement is medicine. Incorporating regular walking, being active, getting in a good workout, maintaining ideal weight, will ward off digestive system problems. Even if workout is not possible, just regular walking, getting around 8,000 steps a day can be beneficial
2. A balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables, pulses, nuts and wholegrains provide the fibre that builds good bacteria and gut health.
3. Good sleep, around eight hours, restful and deep, will help.
4. Addressing other concerns like stress, anxiety and depression will help heal the gut tremendously. These are common concerns today and there is much one can do to solve this unlike a decade ago.
5. Fixed meal times go a long way to boost digestive health. The first meal (even if it's some fruit) must be within one hour of waking up, breakfast within two hours, lunch within six hours, dinner within 12 hours.
6. Antibiotics kill 'good' bacteria as well as 'bad'. If you need antibiotics, make sure you eat lots of foods that boost your microbes afterwards. What you eat isn't just nutrition for you, it also feeds the trillions of bacteria that live in your gut

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Good for the gut

Gut bacteria varies from culture to culture and person to person. So being mindful while eating, focussing on your food without distractions, and making a journal of how you feel after each meal will help you understand what works for your body. Here are some recommended foods:

1. Yogurt (make it at home)
2. Pickle
3. Fermented food (dosa, idli, dhoklas)
4. Sourdough
5. Oats, millets and bajra
6. Green vegetable like kale, spinach and broccoli
7. Spices like coriander, cumin, fennel seeds, ajwain, ginger and garlic
8. Turmeric

Incorporate regular walking in your routine to maintain good gut health

NUGGETS

Pandemic stress, boredom linked to increased smoking

A US-based survey has revealed that stress, increased free time and feelings of boredom may have contributed to an increase in the number of cigarettes smoked per day during the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic. "Knowing the reasons for increased tobacco use and the motivations of those who successfully quit smoking can help us identify how to better address cessation efforts during the pandemic," said researcher Jessica Yingst, Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania State University in the US. - IANS

Added sugar linked to liver disease among children

Restricting excessive consumption of added sugars may represent an early target by which non-alcoholic fatty-liver disease (NAFLD) risk can be reduced among children, said researchers. The study indicated that NAFLD is associated with both a lack of exercise, and excessive consumption of sucrose, the scientific name for table sugar, which is comprised of both fructose and glucose. While both are found naturally in fruits, vegetables, dairy products and grains, they are often an additive to many processed foods. - IANS

Food poisoning is common this season. Here's how you can keep your stomach safe

Say no to tummy trouble this summer

DR KIRAN KUMAR

Indian summers are marked by rising temperatures and the rising heat leaves an impact on our immunity. As the heat rises, so do the number of digestive problems. Some of the common digestive or gastrointestinal disorders include gastroenteritis, heartburn, constipation, irritable bowel syndrome etc. Another commonly seen ailment during summer is food poisoning. In fact, it is that time of year wherein we see a significant rise in food poisoning. This is characterised by nausea or vomiting, belly pain, diarrhoea and, at times, even fever. It is generally caused by eating food that contains germs, such as bacteria, viruses, or parasites. One of the most common causes of food poisoning is norovirus. By taking certain precautionary measures, one can keep the occurrence of the infection at bay. Some good practices are:

1.Drinking water: Staying hydrated by taking sufficient liquids is important. Due to profuse sweating, the body loses a lot of water and hence it is essential to drink 8-10 glasses of water daily. Curd and drinks like salted buttermilk will cool the system and protect the body from the heat. Freshly-made juices and coconut water are also beneficial.

2.Consuming probiotic-rich foods: Some of the food items that are rich in probiotics are yogurt, cheese and milk. Including them in one's daily meal plan is highly advisable.

3.Practising good personal hygiene: Apart from washing hands before cooking or even eating any food items, we must ensure our near and dear ones also practise the same. Avoid situations wherein sick people have to cook food or even if they are cooking, ensure that they follow hygienic practices. Washing your hands after changing diapers, going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, touching animals, or taking out the trash is mandatory. Eat small meals that do not have a lot of fat in them.

4.Taking adequate rest: Rest is critical for the body as it helps the body to recover.

5.Paying attention to food safety: Not drinking unpasteurised milk or foods made with it, washing fruits and vegetables well before eating them, keeping the refrigerator colder than 40°F (4.4°C) and the freezer below 0°F (-18°C), cooking meat and seafood until well done, cooking eggs until the yolk is firm and washing hands, knives, and cutting boards after they touch raw food can help in preventing possible food poisoning.

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DOES SELF-KNOWLEDGE COME THROUGH SEARCHING?

Now, can you seek anything? Why do you come to these meetings? Why are you all sitting here and listening to me? It would be very interesting to find out why you are listening, why you take the trouble to come from long distances on a hot day, and listen. And, to what are you listening? Are you trying to find a solution for your troubles, and is that why you go from one lecturer to another, and through various religious organisations, and read books, and so on and on; or, are you trying to find out the cause of all the trouble, the misery, contention and strife? Surely, that does not demand that you should read a great deal, that you should attend innumerable meetings, or search out teachers? What it demands is clarity of intention, isn't it?

After all, if one is seeking peace, one can find it very easily. One can devote oneself blindly to some kind of a cause, to an idea, and take shelter there. Surely, that does not solve the problem. Mere isolation in an enclosing idea is not a release from conflict. So, we must find, must we not?, what it is, inwardly, as well as outwardly, that each one of us wants. If we are clear on that matter, then we don't have to go anywhere, to any teacher, to any church, to any organisation. So, our difficulty is, is it not?, to be clear in ourselves regarding our intention. Can we be clear? And does that clarity come through searching through trying to find out what others say, from the highest teacher to the ordinary preacher in a church round the corner? Have you got to go to somebody to find out? And yet, that is what we are doing, is it not? We read innumerable books, we attend many meetings and discuss, we join various organizations - trying thereby to find a remedy to the conflict, to the miseries in our lives. Or, if we don't do all that, we think we have found; that is, we say that a particular organisation, a particular teacher, a particular book satisfies us; we have found everything we want in that; and we remain in that, crystallised and enclosed.

So, we have to come to the point when we ask ourselves, really earnestly and profoundly, if peace, happiness, reality, God, or what you will, can be given to us by someone else. Can this incessant search, this longing, give us that extraordinary sense of reality, that creative being, which comes when we really understand ourselves? Does self-knowledge come through search, through following someone else, through belonging to any particular organization, through reading books, and so on? After all, that is the main issue, is it not?, that as long as I do not understand myself, I have no basis for thought, and all my search will be in vain. I can escape into illusions, I can run away from contention, strife, struggle; I can worship another; I can look for my salvation through somebody else. But as long as I am ignorant of myself, as long as I am unaware of the total process of myself, I have no basis for thought, for affection, for action.

– Jiddu Krishnamurti

'YUVARATHNAA WILL INTEREST TODAY'S YOUTH'

...says Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar, whose character also includes that of a college student in Santhosh Ananddram's directorial

A SHARADHAA

PUNEETH Rajkumar's age defies the characters he plays on screen. And he depicts this in *Yuvarathanaa* where one of his shades in the film is that of a college student. He has completed 45 years in the industry, but for the Power Star, his career in cinemas began "only in 2001." Fans of Puneeth will soon get to 'feel the power' in *Yuvarathanaa*, which incidentally goes with the tagline 'Power of Youth'. Puneeth, who is associating with Santhosh Ananddram and production house Hombale Films, intends to go with content-based subjects that also have commercial elements.

About his first impression about *Yuvarathnaa*, he says, "I am an actor in the film and I would like to hear how much it will impress the audience. From my end, I would like to say that it is a film with a social message, and a good entertainer for 2 hours 40 minutes. It's a lot of fun, with a good plot, which will interest today's youth."

The makers have managed not to get into details about Puneeth's role, except for revealing that he will be playing a student. However, there is a hint that the Power Star will portray the role of an investigative officer in the film. "Cinema has to be experienced. The trailer says a lot, and everything will be answered as and when people come and watch it," he says.

Since the film revolves around education and its system, we take Puneeth back to his growing years. He spent his young days mostly on the sets of films with most assuming that it is a part of his curriculum. But Puneeth begs to differ, and feels that the films he did as a child artiste cannot be considered a learning process."I acted as a child artiste in a different era, and at that time, I never considered it as a profession. It was all about being on the sets with my parents. It was never serious. I wouldn't say that I have grown up being on the sets with my parents. It was never serious. I wouldn't say that I have grown up being on the sets of various films and I have learned so many things from them. It is the opposite," says Puneeth, adding that before taking up films as a career, he tried his hands at computers, even doing a three-year course. In fact, he had also thought of pursuing a career in the granite business, which was completely opposite to the film industry. "Somehow fate pulled me back into film production, and I began as a manager. I was there as a distributor at my office with my mom (Parvathamma Rajkumar) and that was a department that interested me. Acting and everything connected to it were never my passion till the year 2000, " he says.

The actor, who shares a great rapport with the director and the production house, says, "It is always a pleasure to work with Santhosh Ananddram and Hombale Films." Puneeth considers Santhosh more of a friend and brother so doesn't really have much to pick. "At times, we debate about particular scenes, but that's part of any professional discussion," he says. Did his star status influence the kind of subjects or characters he plays in *Yuvarathnaa*? "A wider audience gets to watch this film. I have always said that I don't mind doing any kind of script, provided it is watched by masses. After all , we are doing films for them. At the end of the day, it is all about a good movie and how much people relate and connect with it," says Puneeth.

The Power Star, who enjoys mass popularity, intends to keep his calendar full for the next five years, with focus on at least 12 films.

"Most of us like to explore different kind of films, and associate with different directors and production houses. Right now after *Yuvarathnaa*, will be *James*, which is currently on floors. Next, will be a film with Hombale again, followed by director Dinakar Thoogudeepa's project made under Jayanna Production. I also have Krishna's project as well."

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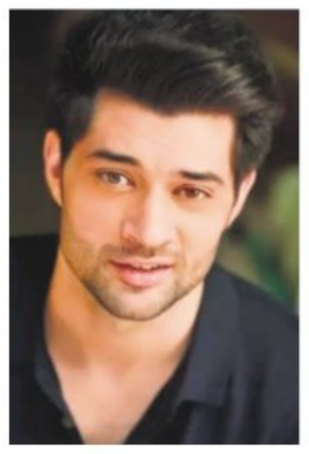
Govinda Govinda to release on April 16

CE FEATURES

SUMANTH Shailendra's *Govinda Govinda* will be among the handful of Kannada films to hit screens on April 16. The love-comedy-thriller marks the directorial debut of Tilak, which is inspired by Telugu story *Brochevarevarura*. Some changes have been made to the Kannada version. This will be Sumanth 10th film and will play the role of a student. The cast also includes Kavitha Gowda, Bhavana, and Roopesh Shetty, who is a known face in Tulu cinema, and Pradeep Raj. The makers of the film, who released two songs on Pushkar Films YouTube channel, have received a good response. The first-time director said that *Govinda Govinda* is a family entertainer which will attract all kinds of audience.

The film, jointly produced by Shailendra Babu and Ravi R Garini, has Hitesh scoring the music and Chandrashekar handling the camerawork.

Sunny Deol's son, Rajveer Deol to make his B-Town debut



CE FEATURES

SUNNY Deol's younger son, Rajveer Deol, is making his Bollywood debut. He will be seen in Rajshri Productions' upcoming coming-of-age love story. The film will be directed by Sooraj Barjatiya's younger son Avnish Barjatiya.

Rajveer's grandfather Dharmendra shared the news on Twitter. Earlier, Sunny's elder son, Karan Deol, had made his acting debut in *Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas* (2019). The Deols are also reuniting for *Apne 2*.

Young Sheldon renewed for three more seasons

CE FEATURES

BIG Bang Theory spin-off *Young Sheldon* has been renewed for three more seasons at CBS, and the show will be on air until at least 2024.

Young Sheldon, which debuted in 2017, is curently on its fourth season with season 5 to debut during the 2021-2022 broadcast television season. This is not the first time the show has picked up a multi-season renewal. Back in 2019, the show was renewed for two seasons.

Young Sheldon stars Ian Armitage as Sheldon Cooper. The show revolves around Sheldon and his family in Texas. Actor Jim Parsons had portrayed Sheldon in the Big Bang Theory and continues to be a part of the prequel by providing the narration for his iconic character. The show also stars Zoe Perry, Lance Barber, Annie Potts, Montana Jordan, Raegan Revord, and Matt Hobby.

Nomad woman

CE FEATURES

ACADEMY Award-winning Frances McDormand is Fern in the powerful and poignant new film, *Nomadland*. A woman at a crossroads in her life, she has decided to pack up a van and set off for a new life on the road, with all the challenges that such a decision entails. *Nomadland*, which tracks Fern's transformational journey, has been nominated for as many as six awards at the 93rd Academy Awards, including for Best Actress.

Here's McDormand in this exclusive conversation talking about the film's appeals and her fascination with the protagonist's nomadic lifestyle:

What resonated with you about this story?

The story by Jessica Bruder dispelled all my romanticism about hitting the road in a van. It was a slap in the face about the reality of the whole thing and explained exactly why so many people are drawn to that choice economically. I think Jessica's reporting in her book was extraordinary.

What made you approach Chloé Zhao to direct the film?

I'd just seen Chloé's film, The Rider, which I loved. I was moved and wondered aloud, 'Who's Chloé Zhao?' As a producer, I was drawn to this woman director who had used classically male, Western genre tropes to tell a universal story of triumph over adversity. You could call it a serendipitous lightning bolt.

Chloé approached Fern and the other main character, David, in much the same way as she did the non-professional actors. She spent time with us in our homes, and our families. She watched us interact and interviewed us, in a way. She crafted our characters and our film friendship from the truth of our lives. This was a challenge because Chloé hadn't really worked with actors, and David and I hadn't worked with a mostly non-professional cast. We all had to adjust and find a comfortable balance in our individual methods.

Your portrayal of Fern is so moving and authentic. Could you relate to Fern and her story?

Yes! I come from a working-class American family, and such were the people who raised me. Also, in my forties, I told my husband that after turning 65, I would change my name to Fern, smoke Lucky Strikes, drink Wild Turkey and hit the road in an RV. So, I got to realise a bit of this fantasy, except that I rolled my own and drank tequila!

The relationship between Fern and Dave is quite complex.

Yes, both Chloé and I were not interested in treating it as a conventional, romantic relationship. We liked the idea of walking it up to the edge of sentimentality and then not satisfying the audience with that. I think, actually, because I'm in my 60s and David is in his 70s, it's exciting to see a romantic relationship between two mature adults not go the way of sappy sentimentality.

What were your biggest challenges as an actor?

The hardest task was to sit still, which I am not good at. Also, this film was a lot about listening. It was about hearing the stories of the van dwellers, my colleagues, and not just waiting for an opportunity to tell them mine.

How did you view your work as producer on this film?

Along with my producing partner, Peter Spears, I introduced Chloé to Jessica Bruder's book, Nomadland. That was the spark. And then, I became a member of a tightly knit company and travelled with them on the road while making the movie, as their peer. I was not there to teach. I was there to learn and that was the ethos of our journey.

What was it like to be on the road while making the film?

I was the oldest at 61 and I think our youngest was 24. We traveled together over five months across seven states—we became like an organism. Everybody crossed department lines whenever something was needed. So, we were able to move swiftly and improvisationally when necessary and live in the community of van-dwellers in a way that was cohesive.

Do you think the whole idea of nomadic life along with independence is embedded in the American DNA and history?

I think that is true; that is what so many nomads love about this life. It's why one of these individuals who appears in the film, Bob Wells, created his van-dwellers' event, the Rubber Tramp Rendezvous. It goes back to when the trappers would get together after a year of hard work for a community gathering... and get really plastered (laughs)!

How has your experience of making this film altered your perception of people who live this way?

Well, I live in a small town in Northern California and a lot of people live like this in our town. Having made this film, I don't pass by my neighbors who live in their vehicles anymore the way I used to. I am much more curious about how they live and the choices they have made and about acknowledging the privacy that they deserve.

To what extent have communities on the road grown as a result of the current social situation and economic struggle?

It's a huge part of what's happening all over the world. There's a disparity between the have and have-nots, and how we are taking care of each other and making the world equitable. The choice of the van-dwellers to live a mobile life has a lot to do with economic disparities, but Chloé is not trying to make a political statement with the film. We think of ourselves as docents leading you to a community made up of people who have made some very difficult decisions for themselves. Chloé's telling their story.

It's interesting that there are so many people on the road now, and I think that's partly because of the pandemic due to being locked in and locked down. People are answering their wanderlust and reacting to their feelings of confinement by going on the road, even if it is just for a couple of weeks. Almost all the campgrounds in the parks are full. You see that where I live. I think that the human species is evolving, and movement is part of it. Unfortunately, cars use fossil fuel.

Maybe we need to get our Conestoga (18th century horse-drawn) wagons out again and start using them.

You have played some unforgettable roles during your career. Do you see any connection between Fern in Nomadland and Mildred in Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missourie?

Well, they are both me, so we can start from there. I think over the last 38 years, I have mostly played American women. I have played a German Jew and an Irish woman, but mostly, I have played American women. Also, both Mildred and Fern are from the same world—the working-class, and I am from there.

Storytelling is a wonderful game of 'What if?' What if I hadn't had the opportunity to go to college and graduate school? What if I hadn't had the opportunity to partner with a spouse who believed in my potential? What if I hadn't met my son and had the opportunity to become a fuller human being? What if I had never seen The Rider and met Chloé Zhao? What if I had looked in the mirror and failed to recognise myself as the women who were being represented in fashion magazines and in movies? What if I had not pursued acting?

Thank goodness that you did.

Thank you. I have been doing this for forty years; let's hope I'm getting better. A journalist recently said that watching my face in closeup on screen is like visiting a national park. I consider that a great compliment and intend to work on retaining that perspective for the rest of my professional life.